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IRA bomb campaign foiled

Man shot dead in swoop on terrorists

BY STEWART TENDLER, RICHARD FORD AND MICHAEL HORSNELL

IRA plans to devastate London with massive lorry bombs were foiled yesterday when armed police found ten tons of explosive during raids in which a suspected terrorist was shot dead and five others arrested.

The explosives, two lorries, arms and other bomb-making materials were found in a north London warehouse which could have been used as a "one-stop shop" to equip IRA units for a variety of attacks in the run-up to the general election. Officers believe that the first could have been planned for today.

The man who died was shot when police broke into a Hammersmith guest house at 4.30 am; two other men were arrested there and two more were held in simultaneous raids on other addresses in west London. A fifth was arrested as he came off his shift as a British Airways engineer at Gatwick.

Assistant Commissioner David Veness, the head of Scotland Yard's specialist operations, said that the home-made explosives were virtually ready for use and would probably have been used to make large lorry

bombs such as those used in the attacks on Manchester and Canary Wharf earlier this year. Another senior officer said that the arms cache — the second biggest found in either Great Britain or Ireland — suggested that the IRA was planning a prolonged mainland campaign which would have been flexible and unpredictable.

John Major, who spent 15 minutes talking to his Irish counterpart John Bruton about the find and the arrests, said that he was absolutely delighted by the recovery of so much weaponry. But he said it again put a question mark over the paramilitaries' commitment to the faltering peace process.

"The discovery of these plans and the huge stocks of explosives and arms put in their proper context professions of peaceful intentions by Sinn Féin's leaders and speculation about a new IRA ceasefire," the Prime Minister said. "It remains impossible to reconcile Sinn Féin's rhetoric for peace with the IRA's preparations for murder."

Gerry Adams, the Sinn Féin

president, expressed regret at the death of one of the suspects and blamed Britain's handling of the peace process for renewed IRA violence. He all but ruled out hopes of another truce and said: "This incident underlines the seriousness of the situation. We have lived with a political vacuum for some time and that is entirely dangerous."

Three of the men under arrest last night were said to be English and two to have come from Northern Ireland, although all had Irish backgrounds. Sources in London and Dublin said that three of them were known as Brian McHugh, James Murphy and Patrick Kelly; the airline engineer was named as Mick Phillips.

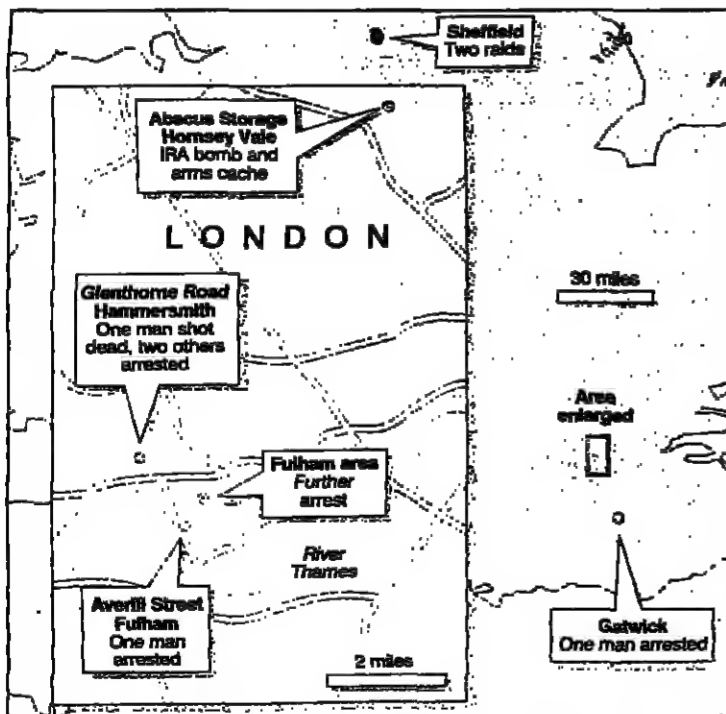
The man shot at the Premier West guest house in Glenthorne Road, Hammersmith, was treated at the scene by paramedics, but died in intensive care at Charing Cross Hospital. The Police Complaints Authority will supervise the investigation into his death.

One of the houses raided yesterday — 28 Averill Street in Fulham — was bought for cash two weeks after the IRA declared its 1994 ceasefire.

The arms cache was found in a secure steel room in a warehouse on the Cranford Way industrial estate in Hornsey Vale. Besides the ten tons of home-made explosive, the haul included 2lb of Semtex military explosive, 13 assorted timers, detonators, two booby-traps with magnets for use as car bombs, three Kalashnikov AK47 assault rifles, two handguns and ammunition. The lorries were ready to transport huge devices, probably within the London area as the bombers would not have wanted to drive far.

The space at the Abacus Self Storage depot was rented out to the terrorists, posing as a transport firm, about four or five months ago. The men, who spoke with English accents, provided identification but were not asked for references. Robin Greenwood of Abacus said: "We shall be looking at ways to tighten security."

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The shot IRA suspect staggered and collapsed on the steps of a guest house in west London

Security review as Gatwick engineer is held

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the five arrested men was a 21-year-old newly qualified engineer at Gatwick Airport. The man, named by colleagues as Mick Phillips, was detained at 4.30 am as he drove towards the exit at the end of a night shift.

Along with dozens of other A-level students from Northern Ireland schools, he had, at 18, applied for an aircraft engineering apprenticeship. His application had been accompanied by three references and he was interviewed by senior British Airways engineers and managers.

His headmaster and the two other referees were interviewed by police.

Once he had security clearance, he was given a BA pass which was submitted to BAA, the airport operator at Gatwick, for approval and to obtain an "airside" pass.

A second round of checks and detailed interviews with at least one of the referees was undertaken, but the pass was obtained quickly and he began his course. He moved into a rented flat in Crawley, bought a small car and each day drove along the perimeter fence and into the engineering training unit.

He was so quick to learn that he rose rapidly to near the top in his class, becoming proficient in handling engines, electronics and hydraulics.

This summer he graduated with some of the best marks of the year and was awarded a licence as a fully qualified engineer. After a few weeks holidaying in Ireland he returned to Gatwick and this month received his first pay cheque.

The Department of Transport, responsible for drawing up guidelines for ensuring anyone who works near aircraft gets a strict security check, is reviewing the rules.

Lamour dies at 81

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Thatcher 'lost faith in Major in only 22 days'

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

MARGARET THATCHER became disillusioned with John Major within 22 days of his becoming Prime Minister, a former policy adviser discloses today.

Then, two and a half years later, when apparently she had still not come to terms with losing office, she suggested that the Tory party should no longer call itself "Conservative" because that failed to convey the dynamism of the changes she had brought about.

The new revelations about Baroness Thatcher's feelings in the years after

her removal from power are contained in George Urban's book *Diplomacy and Disillusion at the Court of Margaret Thatcher*, which is being serialised in *The Times*. It discloses that on December 19, 1990, Lady Thatcher was already deeply critical of the tone and direction of Mr Major's new administration. He had taken over at Downing Street 22 days before.

In the previous three weeks he had sent Michael Heseltine, Lady Thatcher's arch-enemy, to the Environment Department to ditch the community charge, or poll tax, in which she had invested so much of her authority. In the European Community the new Prime Minister had dropped her

confrontational style and was sending out signals that he wanted Britain to be at the heart of Europe. In the Cabinet, he had adopted a collegiate style, alien to Lady Thatcher in her latter years.

A sense of betrayal already seemed to have affected her. Mr Urban records her as having said when she went to lunch at the Centre for Policy Studies: "The new Government, well, I think they have embarked on a course of great danger. It is quite clear already that they want to undo many of the things we have accomplished, and there is no telling where that might take them. All the wrong people are rejoicing. That's a sure indication

that they are walking down the wrong road."

Later, he records her as having voiced concern that Britain under Mr Major was losing its way in the world. "Well, you realise, George, don't you, that it is the European involvement that is, above all other things, dragging Britain down? It is our participation in that unholy mess."

She also tells him that "Conservative" is no longer the right name for the Tories: "It's directly misleading. We are not a 'conservative' party; we are a party of innovation, of striking out in new directions."

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Clarke rocks the boat

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND ANDREW PIERCE

THE Prime Minister was last night reported to be exasperated over Kenneth Clarke's departure from the agreed Cabinet line on the European single currency.

Mr Clarke was felt to have abused his near-unassailable position in the Government and to have breached an agreement which the Cabinet Euro-sceptics have observed.

A growing number of right-wing MPs are suggesting that Mr Major could now afford to sacrifice Mr Clarke in the interests of pushing through a

change of policy. However, most senior strategists in Downing Street and Conservative Central Office believe that if Mr Clarke left the Government, other pro-European ministers would follow him into exile and the split would ruin any chances of a Tory recovery. An influential party figure said yesterday: "It would not just be Clarke. There would be five or six others."

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IRA arrests: new level of co-operation between MI5 and police pays dividends

Vital piece of intelligence led to cache of explosives

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the biggest joint police and MI5 mainland operations, which led to yesterday's arrest of IRA suspects and the discovery of ten tonnes of explosives, began after a vital piece of intelligence was uncovered by the security authorities.

Although the police and MI5 were aware of the high risk of a revenge terrorist attack after a series of IRA disasters in the past few months, specific intelligence was needed to focus the efforts of the security authorities. The quality of the intelligence breakthrough, only two months after another covert operation which also led to the arrest of IRA suspects and bomb-making material, will leave the terrorist hierarchy in Belfast and Dublin in turmoil.

One security source said that the successful police and MI5 operations during the past two months would have had an accumulative effect on the IRA organisation. The IRA godfathers will be wondering if they have a highly-placed informant in their midst or if the security authorities have breached their normally impenetrable method of communicating inside their network of bombers, quartermasters and logistics specialists.

Security sources admitted that general intelligence infor-

mation about a possible bombing could have tied up hundreds of police and MI5 watchers for months without pinning down the IRA unit preparing the attack.

However, several weeks ago, the various strands of an intelligence picture came together when specific information was uncovered. MI5 and the police were then able to mount a focused surveillance operation. "Today's raids did not come about as a result of us stumbling on information," one source said.

The breakthrough has been made possible by a new level of co-operation between MI5 and the police which has been transformed since the Security Service took over as the lead agency on the mainland for intelligence-gathering against the IRA.

After the achievements of Dame Stella Rimington, the former Director-General of MI5, in forging more effective co-operation with the police in mainland counter-terrorist operations, her successor, Stephen Lander, has continued to win friends among doubling police officers who originally felt the Security Service was encroaching on their territory. One security source said: "Turf battles in the past have been unhelpful."

Two key police chiefs have



Sir Paul Condon, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, and David Veness, in charge of counter terrorism at the force, with bomb-making equipment found yesterday

also played a vital part in cementing the relationship between Scotland Yard's Anti-Terrorist Branch, the Metropolitan Police Special Branch and MI5. They are Commander John Grievie, head of the Anti-Terrorist Branch, and Assistant Commissioner David Veness, in charge of specialist operations at the Met, including counter-terrorism. Security sources have been

indicating for some time that the improved working relationship between MI5 and the police was paying dividends. Yesterday's success was a classic case where specific intelligence backed by a huge police operation in London, Surrey and Yorkshire, saved the capital from what would have been a devastating terrorist attack. "Co-operation is the name of the game," one security source said. The dis-

covery of booby trap devices also indicated that the IRA was planning to assassinate individuals on their hit list. It is believed that 20 to 30 people, including certain Cabinet Ministers and senior civil servants linked to the Government's Northern Ireland policy decisions, are being given round-the-clock protection by armed officers. The bodyguards were ordered after the IRA terrorist

Edward O'Brien died when a bomb he was carrying detonated prematurely as he was leaving a bus in the Aldwych earlier this year. A list of names was found at his flat in Lewisham, southeast London. The security sources said the IRA was operating in a "high-risk environment" on the mainland. To succeed, bombers in place had to seize their opportunity, conscious that MI5 would be running

agents on the mainland and that an extended build-up to a bombing ran the risk of being uncovered. The success of the security authorities and the failure of a number of planned bomb attacks, including the plot to blow up Hammersmith Bridge, appear to have placed the IRA hierarchy in a dilemma. After the death of O'Brien and the subsequent failures, the IRA had to decide whether

to stick with inexperienced bombers or send a senior team over to the mainland.

After yesterday's arrests, the IRA is still left with the same dilemma. If the most experienced terrorists are sent to the mainland and caught by the increasingly confident security authorities, the organisation would be dealt an even bigger blow.

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Arms find confuses prospects for peace

By NICHOLAS WATT
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CORRESPONDENT

YESTERDAY'S discovery of explosives provided chilling evidence of the IRA's determination to mount a massive mainland bombing campaign that would have dwarfed the attacks in Manchester and the Docklands.

The home-made explosives, which could have been detonated within hours, would have produced the equivalent of five bombs of the size that devastated the centre of Manchester in June. Yesterday's seizure was the third major IRA cache to be uncovered since June, indicating that the terrorists are intent on unleashing a devastating wave of violence. In July police discovered 36 devices in raids on houses in south London, and in June police in the Irish Republic uncovered a new type of mortar bomb in a raid on a farmhouse in Co Laois.

While the IRA's deadly intentions are abundantly clear, there is uncertainty among senior security sources about the terrorists' tactics in the longer term. Republicans have been sending out such mixed signals in recent months that the security services are unsure whether yesterday's discovery heralded a return to full-scale violence or indicated a bloody prelude to another ceasefire.

One senior security source said yesterday: "We are con-

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fused about the IRA's intentions, but that stems from the confusion within the IRA about what to do."

Signs of a move towards a ceasefire were highlighted last week by police sources in Dublin who indicated that the IRA is planning to hold a rare "General Army Convention". The sources said that the convention, which has met only twice in the 27-year history of the Provisional IRA, may sanction an IRA ceasefire or set the conditions for a renewed truce.

The speculation about a ceasefire was intensified by Irish Government sources who said that some senior republicans are arguing in



McGuinness said IRA was open to persuasion

favour of a ceasefire — if only a conditional one — while nationalists occupy the moral high ground after the loyalist disturbances during the summer. This camp believes that Britain's tests of the permanence of the ceasefire would be less stringent in the light of the loyalist behaviour at Drumcree.

However, security sources on both sides of the border believe that another camp in the IRA is arguing strongly that no ceasefire should be called until after the British general election, and possibly until the Irish general election, which has to be held by the end of 1997. This camp believes that Sinn Féin has nothing to gain by joining the multi-party talks at the moment because John Major's Government is weak and distracted, while the Irish Government is unsympathetic to republicans.

The mixed signals from republicans were demonstrated in May when Martin McGuinness, the leading member of Sinn Féin, said that the IRA was "open to persuasion" about declaring a ceasefire if Britain gave assurances that the issue of arms would not dominate all-party talks. As he spoke on the *Dimbleby* television programme, Brian Keenan, a hardliner, told supporters in Belfast that the only thing republicans would accept was "the decommissioning of the British state in this country".



An armed guard mans a checkpoint in Bournemouth, host to the Tory conference, as part of the security operation

Terrorists return to the mainland

YESTERDAY'S arrests and explosives seizure follow several incidents since the IRA called off its ceasefire.

On February 9 a massive bomb hidden on a low-loader lorry killed two people and injured many more at South Quay in London's Docklands.

On February 15 a 5lb Semtex bomb was left in a holdall in a telephone box in Charing Cross Road, central London.

On February 18 Edward O'Brien, an IRA man, was blown up and killed by his own bomb when it accidentally detonated and ripped apart the bus on which he was travelling in central London.

On March 9 what was described as a small, improvised device exploded in Old Brompton Road, Fulham, west London,

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causing minor damage. The IRA later admitted planting it.

On April 17 an explosion rocked an empty house at The Boltons, an exclusive area of Earl's Court in the capital.

On April 24 two devices were placed at the south side of Hammersmith Bridge in west London and an IRA warning, telephoned to a news agency, there were small explosions when the detonators went off, but the bombs themselves did not explode. The following day Scotland

Yard issued an urgent bomb warning to the public after disclosing that the twin devices represented probably the biggest

high-explosive bomb planted by IRA terrorists in mainland Britain.

On June 15 the IRA struck outside of the capital when a huge bomb ripped through Manchester city centre, injuring about 200 people.

On June 28 the terrorists fired three mortars at the Quebec barracks in Osnabrück, Germany.

On July 13 a 1,200lb car-bomb devastated the Killybegs Hotel at Enniskillen, injuring 17 people. Suspicion fell on the breakaway Republican Sinn Féin.

On July 15 the Metropolitan Police recovered components for up to 36 bombs and seven men were arrested at addresses in south London. A man and a woman were later held in Birmingham.

Conference security is scrutinised

By STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE security experts yesterday began overhauling their plans for the three main party conferences after the raids.

Special Branch and MI5 are involved not only in the anti-IRA operation but are also responsible for assessing the risks.

Special Branch officers provide detailed daily security cover and close protection for senior politicians as well.

They now believe the IRA will be desperate to regain the initiative. There will be intense pressure among hardliners to carry out a "spectacular", and a party conference offers an immediately available target.

The Liberal Democrat conference is already under way in Brighton and yesterday Sussex police said the officers planning security would take the developments into account. For the moment the conference is being covered by officers from the Brighton division.

Both the Labour conference in Blackpool next week and the Conservative Party conference in Bournemouth the week after were already being given top security, including road checks and armed officers on the streets, following the extra precautions taken in the aftermath of the South Quay blast in Docklands.

The precautions at both will, however, be reviewed in the light of yesterday's events.

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IRA arrests: neighbours woken by shots and shattered glass as operation begins

Gunfire at dawn as police storm terrorist bolthole

By ADRIAN LEE AND BILL FROST

SHORTLY before 4.30am yesterday a blue van drew quietly into a west London street. Armed police dressed in black pulled on gas masks and unloaded ladders before taking up positions outside the guesthouse at 38 Glenhorne Road, Hammersmith.

At 4.30am precisely the ladders were pushed up against the side and rear walls of the Edwardian building. Neighbours were woken by the sound of glass shattering as CS canisters were thrown into first-floor bedrooms.

Other officers, crouched in the firing position behind trees, covered the property as their colleagues pushed through the broken windows illuminated by searchlights. Witnesses said they heard up to eight shots. Moments later one man, fatally injured, was dragged outside. At first light, a trail of blood could be seen on the floor at the entrance to the building. A paramedic treated the man where he fell but he died later at Charing Cross Hospital.

There were up to 11 guests staying in The Lodge, an annex of the Premier West Hotel. No one else was hurt. A guest at The Lodge described how he saw a man, wearing only his underpants, pulled out by police. "They threw him on the ground face down. A policeman had his foot on his back pinning him down. The guy who had been shot was dragged off the steps and pulled onto the road. I saw a policeman pumping at his chest, trying to revive him."

There were loads of police running around with masks on. After a while I went back to bed but the window was open and my eyes were streaming from the gas. The guest said he had been told by the hotel porter that at least one of those involved had been staying at The Lodge for several months. Gulashan Ali, whose home overlooks the side of the guesthouse, was woken at 4.30am. "There was a lot of banging and screaming going

on and breaking glass. There were police everywhere with bullet-proof jackets. They were shouting, 'Thrown down your weapon' or 'Thrown down your gun.' Some police crouched behind a tree with what looked like machine-guns. There were eight or ten of them and I could see three ladders up the walls. There were eight or ten shots all in one go."

About 40 minutes after she was woken, Mrs Ali, 32, a mother of two, saw an ambulance arrive and someone carried from the building on a stretcher. "I heard one of the policemen say, 'I don't think

involved," said Alan Finn, a neighbour in the Victorian terraced street. Mr Finn, 36, an exhibitions manager, said that he saw one, possibly two, men led away, not offering resistance. He said that two brothers had been living in the house. "It was bought two and a half years ago for cash," Mr Finn said. "I know that because the man tried to buy mine at about the same time and offered cash. I think he was the brothers' father and he lives in the Irish Republic. The two young men who live there were nice quiet chaps."

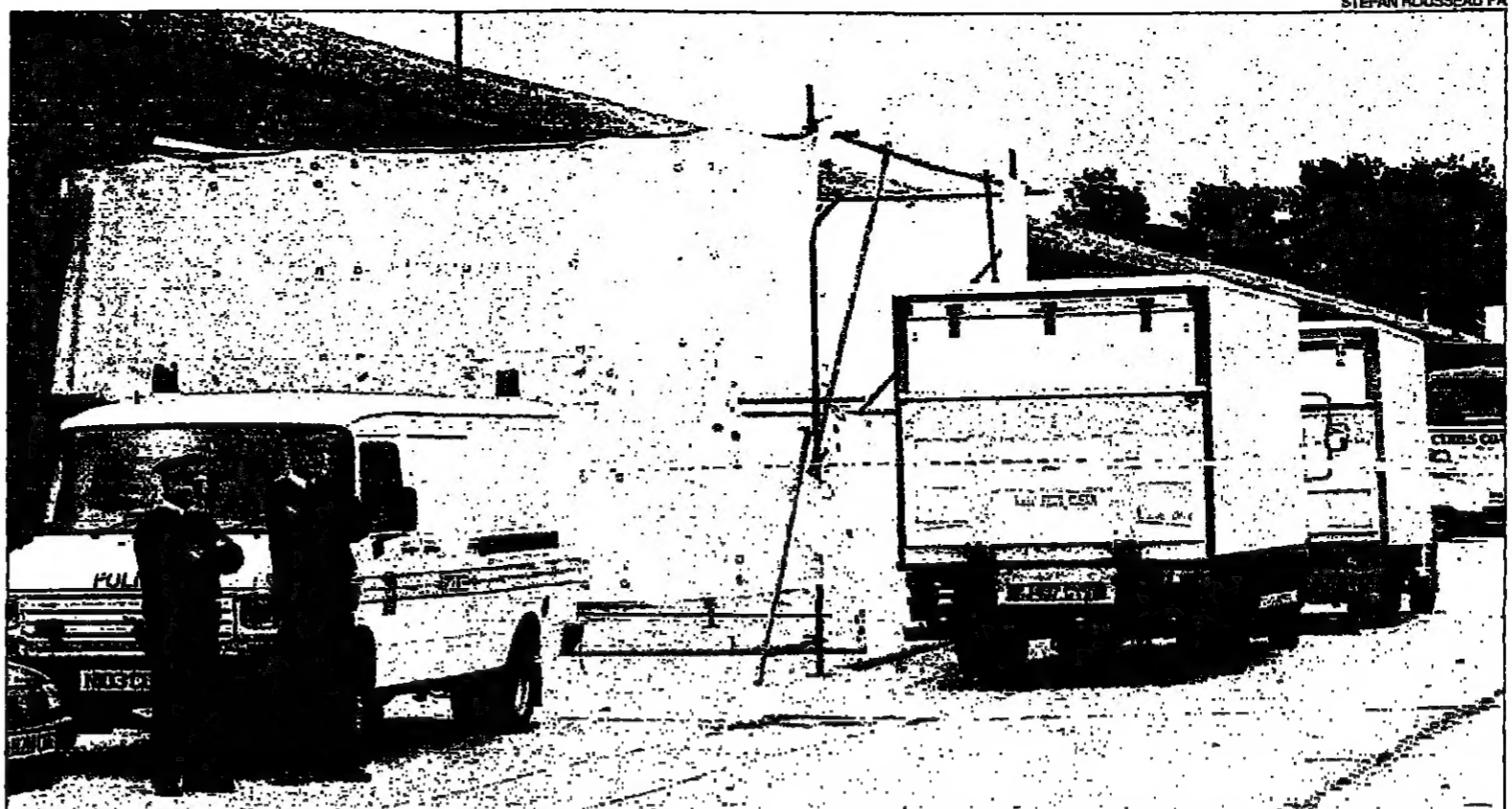
Neighbours said that they seen boxes being carried in and out of the house late at night. Gillian Matheson, who lives near by was woken in the small hours by the arrival of police vehicles. "There was banging and shouting, a terrific racket. A man was led out. He seemed quite calm but his head was bowed."

Another neighbour spoke of seeing a red-haired young man at the house. "He is a nice lad, he always greets us. He seems a happy-go-lucky sort of bloke. He has been doing a lot of decorating recently. He has been working on the place until the light fades at night."

Land Registry records disclosed that the house was bought on September 14, 1994, a fortnight after the IRA ceasefire was announced. Three men with the same surname are listed on records for the property. People living near by said the house had been split into two flats and was home to a "London-Irish" family.

One of the men failed to arrive yesterday at the workplace where he has been an employee since leaving school six years ago.

A manager said that he had been off work for five days. Last week he had asked for time off to attend a funeral and had called in the following day to say he did not feel up to work after attending a friend's wake. He has a hell of a good



Police on guard yesterday outside the storage unit in Hornsey, north London, where a large part of the terrorist cache was discovered

brain but is a bit scatty sometimes," the manager said. "He is a hard worker but his timekeeping can sometimes be poor."

"If he had come in today, I would have given him a verbal warning about his timekeeping. I would not have sacked him though. I'll stick my neck out for him because he's a vulnerable and gullible young man."

"Most of his friends are from the London-Irish community. He is not political,

though; he is the naive type, not aggressive and really rather nondescript."

The manager said he believed that the man's sister lived upstairs at 28 Averill Road. "He has been doing up the house himself. He has replaced all the floorboards and has been asking me what colour to paint his bedroom."

Workmates also expressed surprise about the raid on the house in Averill Street. One, who would not be named, said: "He is a regular guy, a

really nice bloke. He's not interested in politics at all, this is all a big mistake."

Last night the house was shrouded in plastic sheeting and under police guard. Officers told neighbours returning from work not to discuss the raid. Four large black plastic bags containing items from the house were removed by scenes of crime officers last night.

The electoral role lists only one full-time occupant of the Premier West Hotel in

Glenhorne Road. Neighbours said the hotel was popular with DSS residents and Irish workers. Hammersmith has a large Irish community. Latest records show 9 per cent of the population of the borough, almost 13,000 people, is Irish.

Yesterday evening The Lodge guesthouse was sealed off as forensic officers carried out checks. According to residents, The Lodge was bought a month ago by the owner of the Premier West Hotel and was being renovated. It has a

basement and three other floors containing about ten rooms.

In the early hours of the morning South Yorkshire police raided industrial premises and a house on the outskirts of Sheffield. Tim Hollis, an assistant chief constable, said that the raids had been planned the previous night after an investigation lasting weeks and involving several agencies.

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he has a chance." A blond man wearing a white towel robe was led to an unmarked police car. He was handcuffed, according to Mrs Ali, who believed that he had only recently arrived at the guesthouse. "Two men arrived on Friday carrying big holdalls. One had brown hair and the other was tall and blond and wearing glasses at the time. I think he was the man in the robe. My husband asked him for change. He seemed pleasant enough."

Another neighbour, Naouar Bloud, said of the gunshots: "It seemed like an exchange of fire. There were about eight shots and I heard a policeman saying, 'I have got the gun. I have the gun, the son of a bitch.'"

A second suspect was led away in handcuffs, marking the successful conclusion of a raid that had been accomplished in minutes. At exactly the same time, about a mile away in Fulham, families were woken by loud thuds and the sound of shouting as police broke down the front door and smashed the front window of 28 Averill Street.

"There were police with flak-jackets and machineguns outside. I would estimate that 30 or more officers were

Warehouse allowed access at night to unvetted clients

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

IT WAS in early August that anti-terrorist squad officers began their watch on unit four of the self-service storage warehouse in north London where a large part of the IRA explosives cache was discovered during a dawn swoop yesterday.

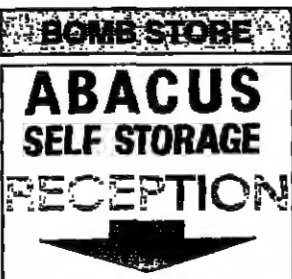
The terrorist gang had rented a secure steel room, a quarter the size of a tennis court, at the Abacus Self Storage depot on the Cranford Way industrial estate in Hornsey between four and five months ago.

They spoke with English accents and claimed to be from a transport company. Members of the gang provided identities to satisfy company security but were not asked for references.

They always paid their rent on time and had a 24-hour leasing arrangement which allowed them to use the premises when they wanted — which proved to be mainly at night.

Video cameras recorded the comings and goings of all clients, and police are believed to be examining evidence left by the gang. A "red-car" system is also in place at the premises, detecting movement at night, linked to a local police station.

The company provided them with a coded card to allow them in to the alarmed unit. It retained a customer identity card on which the



men nominated whom they wished to have access to the site.

Yesterday, after the raid, uniformed police sealed off the warehouse while detectives combed the 100,000 sq ft warehouse.

Armed officers surrounded the modern unit as containers on pallets were isolated and their contents ferried out to police lorries behind 12ft plastic screens.

Abacus provides personal self-service accommodation for businesses and individuals without special security vetting, although the company is now considering introducing references as a requirement.

Robin Greenwood, group sales manager, told The Times: "People rent space and have their own access, coming and going as they please. They bring in their own stock, and once it's in they have free and unlimited access. We try to keep an eye on what people put in to their individual rooms but you can't always see what goes in. We shall be

looking at ways in which to tighten the security," he added.

Other customers expressed shock that their own storage facilities at the modern complex should have been lodged next to an IRA cache. The manager of Boxer Jeans, one of the units closest to that used by the cell, said: "It's frightening to be so close to it and to find out all this was going on under our noses all the time."

Another leaseholder said he believed the terrorists had registered their company as a fertilizer business, but he said the people who used the unit were not Irish.

He said: "The stereotype of all these bombs being made by Irishmen is wearing rather thin. I've been suspicious of that unit for some time, but not any particular people and not to the degree that I would call the police. It's a big unit subdivided into lots of bits, all with 24-hour access, so anyone can come and go at any time of the day or night."

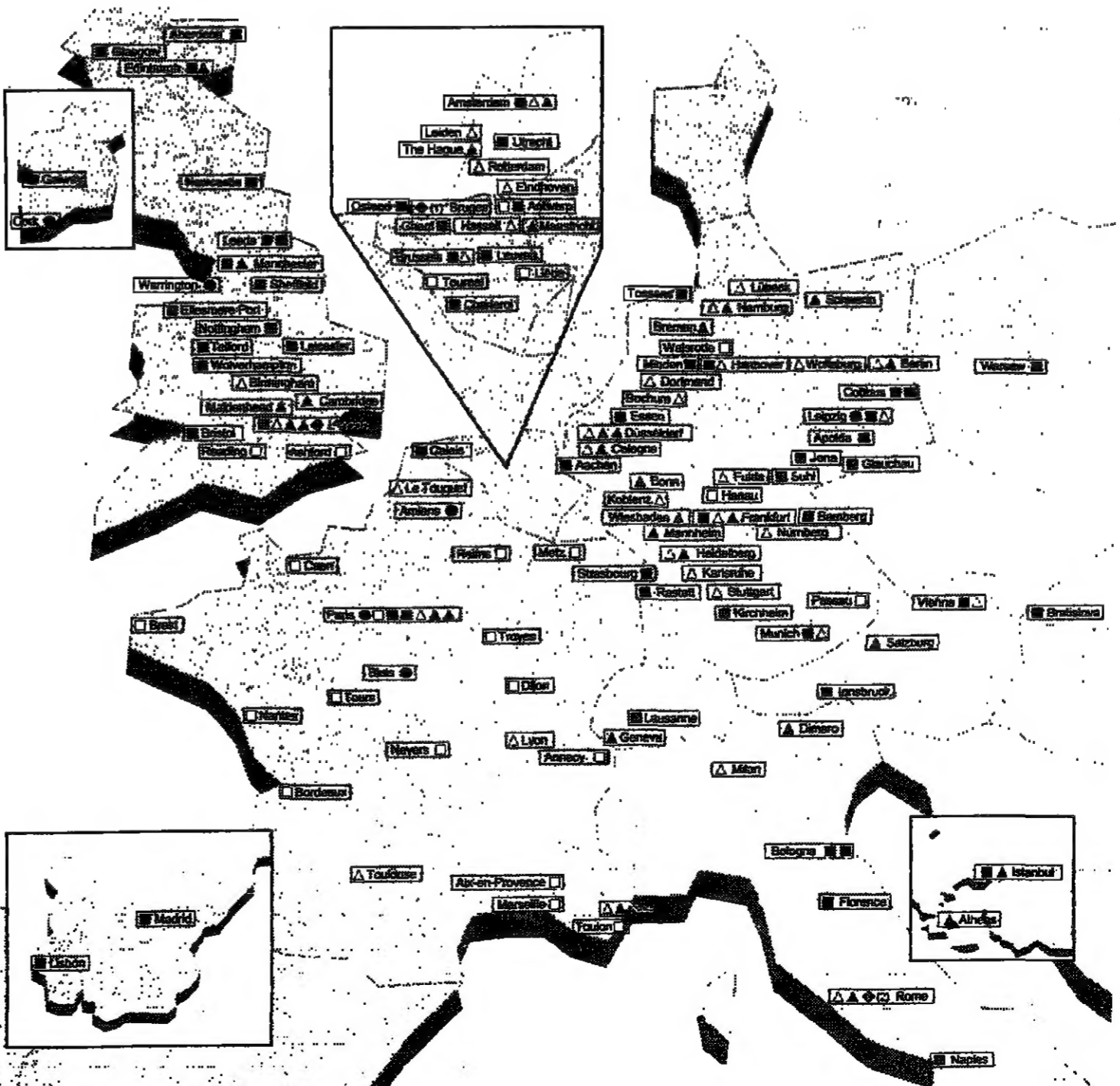
"They seemed to be the only ones who came here at night. They didn't come during the day which is when most people come. There were all sorts of comings and goings."

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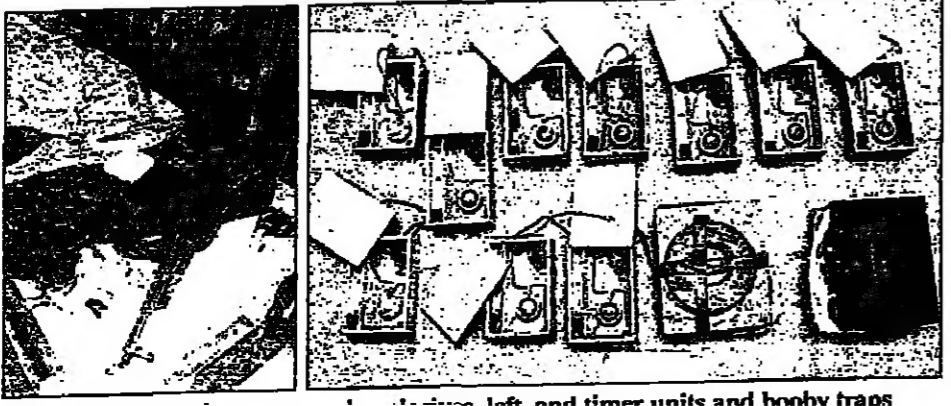
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Man 'killed sister-in-law for shaming his family with affair'

By PAUL WILKINSON

A WOMAN who had an arranged Pakistani marriage was killed because she had brought shame on her husband's family by starting an affair with a married man, a court was told yesterday.

Tasleem Begum, 20, was knocked down by a car driven by her brother-in-law, who repeatedly drove it over her body as she lay in the street, said Roger Keen, QC, for the prosecution. Shabir Hussain then caught a flight to Pakistan within hours and without any luggage.

Ms Begum from Bradford, West Yorkshire, had married Mr Hussain's brother Ashiq in Pakistan when she was 16. Mr Keen said, "The marriage was arranged so that that husband could come into the country. However, that failed and he was refused entry."

She returned to Bradford and moved in with her husband's family. She was a "happy, bubbly and outgoing young woman," Mr Keen said. "But, and this may have been her undoing, she was a bit headstrong and independent."

In an effort to make a life for herself in Britain she took a job in a supermarket, where she began a secret affair with a married Asian man. On June 5 last year they were due to meet, but her lover spotted Mr Hussain nearby in a car and left.

Mr Keen said: "She was on the footpath. The car was driven straight into her at speed and over her. It then reversed over her and forwards again with her underneath it, at high revs. The young woman suffered the most horrendous injuries causing her extreme pain and her death. Having completed his bloody mission the driver sped off on his way."

The car, owned by Mohammed Yaseem, Ms Begum's brother, was found abandoned in a nearby street with a damaged windscreen but no signs of a break-in. Mr Yaseem had lent the only set of keys to Mr Hussain near the time of the attack.

Mr Hussain, who returned to England last September, denies murder. The trial continues.

'A genuinely good man was killed for very worst of reasons'

Boy 'stabbed head as he saved pupil from gang'

By JOANNA BALE

A 15-YEAR-OLD boy "acting with a mixture of bravado and adrenalin" stabbed the headmaster Philip Lawrence to death outside his school gates, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Boy A, who cannot be named for legal reasons, denies murdering Mr Lawrence as he tried to protect a pupil from attack by a gang. The boy, now 16, from Camden, north London, appeared with Boy B, 15, with whom he is jointly charged in connection with the attack on the pupil, 13, referred to as Boy C.

John Bevan, for the prosecution, outlined events leading up to the death of Mr Lawrence last December after the teenager was hit over the head with an iron bar outside St George's Roman Catholic School in Maida Vale, west London. Mr Bevan said that the death of Mr Lawrence, who was married with four children, had thrust a man who did not seek attention into the spotlight.

"He was the sort of man who does not court public attention but quietly goes about his job. Part of his job involved looking after the

safety of his pupils. It was in looking after one of those pupils that he died."

Mr Bevan added: "The first defendant, Boy A, is a leader of a rather different type. Though only a 15-year-old he was old enough to lead a gang of youths who deliberately, concertedly and cowardly attacked one of Philip Lawrence's pupils outside the school gates."

"The gang were armed when Philip Lawrence confronted them peacefully. Boy A, acting with a mixture of bravado and adrenalin, stabbed him in the chest. This represents a tragic waste of life: a genuinely good man killed for the very worst of reasons."

With Mr Lawrence's widow, Frances, looking on, Mr Bevan added: "A 15-year-old armed with a knife can be taken to know what it is capable of doing in his hands." Mr Bevan described the co-defendant, Boy B, who was 14 at the time of the attack, as a gang member who was responsible for the trouble that led up to the attack. Boy B had been at the school since before Mr Lawrence joined. He said: "I do not suggest Boy B bore the slightest ill will to Mr Lawrence and probably respected him as much as the other pupils."

Mr Bevan described how on the Monday before the murder, Boy B had a fight with Boy C in the school. The fight produced tension between the pair that "bubbled all week", culminating in Boy B contacting members of his street gang to help him to take revenge.

The defendants were members of a gang called Wo Sing Wo who "pretended to be the juvenile equivalent of a Triad gang", Mr Bevan said. It comprised a number of youths in Camden and the West End, particularly Chinatown in



Frances Lawrence at the Old Bailey, where she watched the first day of the trial

Soho. Mr Bevan said: "They wore black or dark clothes and bandannas or scarves over their faces to represent a uniform and to command respect or to instil fear."

Boy B threatened Boy C that the gang would beat him up. Mr Bevan said: "It was a classic example of the bullying of a younger boy. Gone, it seems, are the days when fisticuffs in the playground, a fair fight, were enough to settle disputes. Boy B thought a gang fight was the appropriate response to this troublesome 13-year-old boy."

Mr Bevan pointed out that the exact rights and wrongs of the argument between boys B and C were "entirely irrelevant". They served only to demonstrate how "a total lack of self-control and self-discipline can have disastrous consequences".

Mr Bevan explained how Boy B had taken a knife to school and given it to a friend to look after. In the meantime,

according to a member of the gang, who is to give evidence, the 11-strong gang met in a Burger King restaurant in Euston, north London, and travelled by Tube to the school for "home time".

The leader of the gang, Boy A, organised them into three groups who walked 20 yards apart as they approached the school. Mr Bevan said: "It was a sort of military operation."

He went on: "Boy A spoke to two boys and said men with guns were coming (a reference to the belief that Boy C had a rival back-up gang) and he said he was going to do it now; this indicates a somewhat overblown sense of theatre but was presumably to make him look brave."

Boy C was lured a few streets away from the school by Boy B where the gang was lying in wait, it was alleged. Mr Bevan said: "The plan went wrong because it was rather lacking in subtlety and Boy C sensed danger." When

Boy C saw the gang with scarves over their faces he returned to the school where he tried to phone a friend's older brother for help. Andrew Graham, the deputy headmaster, "sensed all was not well" and called Boy C over. Despite Mr Graham and Mr Lawrence's presence, Boy B went up to Boy C and demanded that he should fight.

Shortly afterwards, one member of the gang, whose identity has not been established, hit Boy C over the head with an iron bar and he ran off "dazed and bleeding from a purposeful blow", according to Mr Bevan. The Crown alleges that Boy A stabbed Mr Lawrence as he intervened in the fight between Boy C and the gang.

Both youths deny conspiracy to cause grievous bodily harm to Boy C and wounding him with intent. The case, expected to last four weeks, continues.

Woman is jailed for attack on Times reporter

By A STAFF REPORTER

A BUSINESSWOMAN who tore at the hair of a reporter for *The Times* and then repeatedly tried to bang her head into the bonnet of a car in an "appalling" attack was yesterday jailed for 30 days.

Jennifer Chelley, 49, tried to blame Emma Wilkins for a minor crash in central London when she drove into the back of the reporter's car. As a result of the attack Miss Wilkins, 30, a home news reporter with *The Times*, needed treatment for post-traumatic stress.

Miss Wilkins, backed by the evidence of independent witnesses, described how Chelley went into a "complete state of frenzy" after the mid-morning crash on the Embankment last February.

She said that Chelley, who ran a recruitment agency for corporate clients and government departments, began swearing at both women got out of their cars, and claimed that £800 damage had been done to her Toyota although Miss Wilkins saw no evidence of dents.

Miss Wilkins, who was also bitten above the eye by Chelley, told Horseferry Road magistrates: "She grabbed me by the hair and pulled my head down towards the bonnet of her car, as if to put my nose on the bonnet, saying, 'Look what you've done to my car'."

She tried to summon help on her mobile telephone but Chelley again began to pull at her hair and she noticed the smell of alcohol on Chelley's breath. Eventually Chelley drove off but a witness noted her registration number.

Ros Keating, chairwoman of the bench at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, told Chelley, whose recruitment agency failed after eight years, that the offence was so serious that a custodial sentence was justified. Chelley, of Chelsea, admitted common assault on Miss Wilkins as she drove to work at her newspaper's offices in east London but claimed that the incident followed an altercation at Battersea Bridge when Miss Wilkins had "cut her up" and forced her into roadworks.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man killed in fall from helicopter

An RAF sergeant has been killed after falling out of a Chinook helicopter during a night exercise. The body of Sergeant Michael Patton, 29, was found on the Castle-martin range area in Dyfed, South Wales, by an RAF search and rescue team.

Sergeant Patton, who was married and came from Cheshire, was one of four crewmen on board the Chinook from 7 Squadron based at RAF Odiham in Hampshire. A board of inquiry has been set up to investigate the circumstances of his death.

Fatal production

An award-winning amateur actor died on stage during a cabaret act with his son and daughter at an awards ceremony in Bournemouth. Tony Smith, 58, of Highcliffe Charities Players, Dorset, won an award last year for services to local theatre.

Conman jailed

A man who tricked his fiancée out of more than £20,000 was jailed for four years by Nottingham Crown Court. James Little, 47, told Lillian Jameson he was the only suitable donor for his stepson dying of leukaemia in New Zealand. She found out the boy was healthy.

Pelican captured

A female pelican that escaped from a bird sanctuary in Farnham, Surrey, has been recaptured in Christchurch, Dorset, after ten days of freedom. But its mate, which flew off a day later and was last seen in Petersfield, Hampshire, is still at large.

CORRECTIONS

Channel 5's launch, originally planned for next January, has been delayed for between four and six weeks because of the award of an extra frequency, which means retuning two million extra homes, not because of difficulties with the existing schedule (report, September 19). A precise new date will be announced soon.

John Maynard Keynes (1883-1946) was not unmarried (letter, September 21). In 1925 he married the Russian ballerina Lydia Lopokova (1892-1981).

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Literary Endeavour successfully cracks the Morse code

By ROBIN YOUNG

The last of the Inspector Morse mysteries was unravelling yesterday in a London bookshop. The atmosphere was Electric with a capital E — because that initial was all that was previously known about Inspector Morse's most personal secret, his Christian name.

And yesterday morning was to be Morse's Exit, because his creator, the thriller writer Colin Dexter, had sworn that his thirteenth Morse book, published yesterday, would be the last.

As with all good cliffhangers, the denouement was delayed. John Thaw, who has played Morse in the television series, was held up in traffic. Ergo, yet more suspense. The publishers, Macmillan, won consent from the gathered fans that the Enigma should remain until Mr Thaw was there to see the Event.

Each one of the words spelt with a capital E in this report (and that includes Everyone) had been suggested as possibilities for the Inspector's missing handle, along with

more common favourites such as Ernest (the bookies' favourite), Eric, Edward, Enoch, Ethelred, Elias, Elijah, Emmanuel and Eros.

Maurice Early, 63, Dexter's most voracious reader, had travelled from Brighton to hear the solution. His own investigations had suggested two intriguing possibilities. His first idea was that Morse might have a palindromic name: Esrom. That would mean Morse shared his first name with a subtle Danish cheese. Mr Early's second

suggestion was Erno. "It is a phrase that keeps recurring in the books," Mr Early explained. "Er... no. Also Dexter's own first name is Norman, so on the electoral register he would appear as Dexter, Norman and that contains Erno." That name is shared by Rubik, inventor of the almost insoluble cube, and Goldfinger, the architect with lofty aspirations.

In the end, Mr Early admitted, he preferred the solution advanced by John Grant, former crossword editor of

The Times, who had deduced from the final pages of a proof copy of the last book, *Death is Now My Neighbour* (with the Inspector's first name omitted) that the absent appellation was Endeavour.

Mr Grant, who had travelled in from Bromley, south-east London, confident that his suspicions would be confirmed, said he had not read any Morse books before or paid much attention to the television shows. He had found his four conclusive clues in the last three pages of the final book, unavailable to Mr Early and other members of the public.

The clues, he said, were that Morse's girlfriend remarked on the Inspector's being "lumbered" with a strange name, that his parents had "kept on at him all the time about trying as hard as he could in life", that his mother was a Quaker, and that his father's greatest hero was Captain Cook, whose ship was the *Endeavour*.

In the end Mr Dexter's revelation wholly lacked the Element of surprise that should have been Essential, because Mr Grant's solution, published in *The Sunday Times* eight days before, proved correct.

Mr Early's only consolation



John Thaw, left, Colin Dexter, centre, and Kevin Whately after the disclosure of Morse's name yesterday

was that he had spotted a mention of Captain Cook at the bottom of page 196 of *The Daughters of Cain*.

"It's a perfect name for Morse," John Thaw said

loyally. "Sergeant Lewis would never have worked it out," offered Kevin Whately, who plays that character. Dexter said he had kept Morse's first name in mind since revealing

the initial E when Morse was hospitalised in *The Wench is Dead*, written five years ago. "I would have been very surprised if Morse had been called anything else," Mr

Grant said. But had he put money on his hunch? He had not. A pity. But then no-one can have Everything.

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Chemist jailed for converting cocaine into crack

By A STAFF REPORTER

A RESEARCH chemist who helped in the fight against HIV was jailed for ten years yesterday after he cleaned up a batch of contaminated cocaine and turned it into crack worth more than £84,000.

Malcolm Banks, who held a post at Edinburgh University, used his expertise to convert a worthless batch of spoilt cocaine after being approached by a friend from university, Robert Williams, who had boasted to drug dealers that he could make the cocaine fit for sale. Williams, 41, was jailed for ten years along with Banks, 39, by the High Court in Edinburgh.

Temporary Judge Robin McEwan, QC, noted that neither had previous convictions and that each was "a person of education" and in Banks's case "a man of eminence in his field". But the judge said that he must take a most serious view of the case and that severe sentences would be passed.

Banks admitted producing a class A drug, cocaine, at his home in Edinburgh between February 27 and 29 this year and producing a type of Ecstasy at the house between November 29 last year and February 29. Williams, of

Bromley, southeast London, admitted being concerned in the supply of cocaine.

Advocate Depute Gerard Moynihan, for the prosecution, said that more than half a kilo of dangerous "freebase" cocaine, worth up to three times the amount of ordinary cocaine, was found in a car in which Williams left Banks's address on February 29. If the drug had got to the streets it could have been worth up to £84,450. Police raided the house and found 6.7 grammes of the crack cocaine, chemicals and laboratory apparatus needed to produce it.

"Dr Banks has applied his knowledge and skill as a chemist to the commercial production of freebase cocaine for the English market," Mr Moynihan said. Williams had taken contaminated cocaine hydrochloride from England to Edinburgh and was returning south when he was caught. When police raided Williams's home they found 1.66 kilogrammes of cocaine hydrochloride worth more than £80,000.

For Banks, John McInnes said that his client had made important contributions to his field of study that had benefited both industry and medicine, including the fight against HIV.

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Clergy given checklist to avoid temptation

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

CLERGY and bishops who believe that ordination renders them immune to sexual temptation have been issued with a new code of conduct by the Church of England.

The Code of Ministerial Practice, called *The Greatness of the Trust*, is a checklist of good behaviour drawn up by a Diocese of Oxford working party. It advises clergy not to drink or take drugs on duty and says that pastoral guidance and counselling can too easily cross the boundaries from a professional to a personal relationship. "One touch can lead to another."

In their pastoral duties, priests are urged to think carefully about their "bodily

posture" and the appropriate use of first names and terms of endearment. They are also told to pay attention to the atmosphere of venues used to meet parishioners including details such as the arrangement of furniture and lighting, although there is no guidance on what a suitable room decor would be.

Situations to be avoided include late-night visits alone at someone's home or in the minister's home, and spending time with children away from other people. The initiative, which is concerned chiefly with targeting "sexual abuse" of adults by clergy, was taken after a year-long study by the diocese, which also

publishes the guide. The report, commissioned by the Bishop of Oxford, the Right Rev Richard Harries, says: "Pastoral relationships from time to time run into difficulties with emotional overinvolvement leading to abuse of various kinds, including the development of a sexual relationship."

It adds: "Those who suppose that ordination or authorisation to recognised ministries somehow conveys immunity from temptation are mistaken. In recent years there has been a growing awareness of cases of sexual abuse, by clergy and other authorised ministers, of people in their pastoral care."

The report says that the Church authorities share with the public "a sense of bewilderment about the way in which the standards of some of those entrusted with pastoral responsibility are so at variance with the teaching of the Church and the ethical and moral norms expected of Christian ministers."

A second document drawn up by the working party codifies for the first time procedures for handling allegations, from informing the area bishop to setting up an investigation into contested claims. This also offers further advice to clergy to avoid getting into compromising situations including a warning to male ministers that they are particularly at risk from the "hysterical female" personality types who have a tendency to fall in love with those taking on the counsellor role.

Ministers, male and female, are also given a list of danger signs that a relationship is becoming too intense, including sweaty palms and an increased pulse rate before counselling sessions, and extending the time allocated for that particular person.

The guidelines identify various types of abuse including physical, emotional, mental, spiritual and sexual, and says any can occur in a pastoral context. It says that if a clergyman becomes emotionally involved with someone of the opposite sex, the relationship can easily cross the boundaries into sexual abuse. Everyone with pastoral responsibilities, "even bishops and other church dignitaries", is vulnerable, it says.

All Christians are capable of ignoring God's warnings, the report says, and some "even believe it is God's will that they should do so", harbouring a "delusion that this particular relationship is different and somehow blessed by Him."

The guidelines will be used by ordained and lay ministers in the Oxford diocese although Bishop Harries has said it will be recommended for wider use if it proves successful.

Church told about bishop's love letters four years ago

By SHIRLEY ENGLISH

NEW allegations yesterday about Roderick Wright, the runaway bishop, raised questions about the Roman Catholic Church's willingness to investigate complaints against clerics.

Ileene McKinney, the bishop's former housekeeper, disclosed that she was the woman who had alerted the church authorities about apparent affairs four years ago. She said that she had found love letters from four women, some of which contained explicit sexual references.

Two of the women who had sent letters were allegedly Joanna Whibley, the mother of the bishop's 15-year-old son, and Kathleen MacPhee, the divorcee with whom he has run away. But the Church took no action after accepting the bishop's protests that the claims were scurrilous.

Miss McKinney, 67, became his housekeeper a week after he had been ordained Bishop of Argyll and the Isles in 1991 and worked for him for 18 months. She said that within four months she had



Wright said claims of affairs were scurrilous

found notes and love letters around the house from four women, two of whom she has refused to name. Later she found more letters.

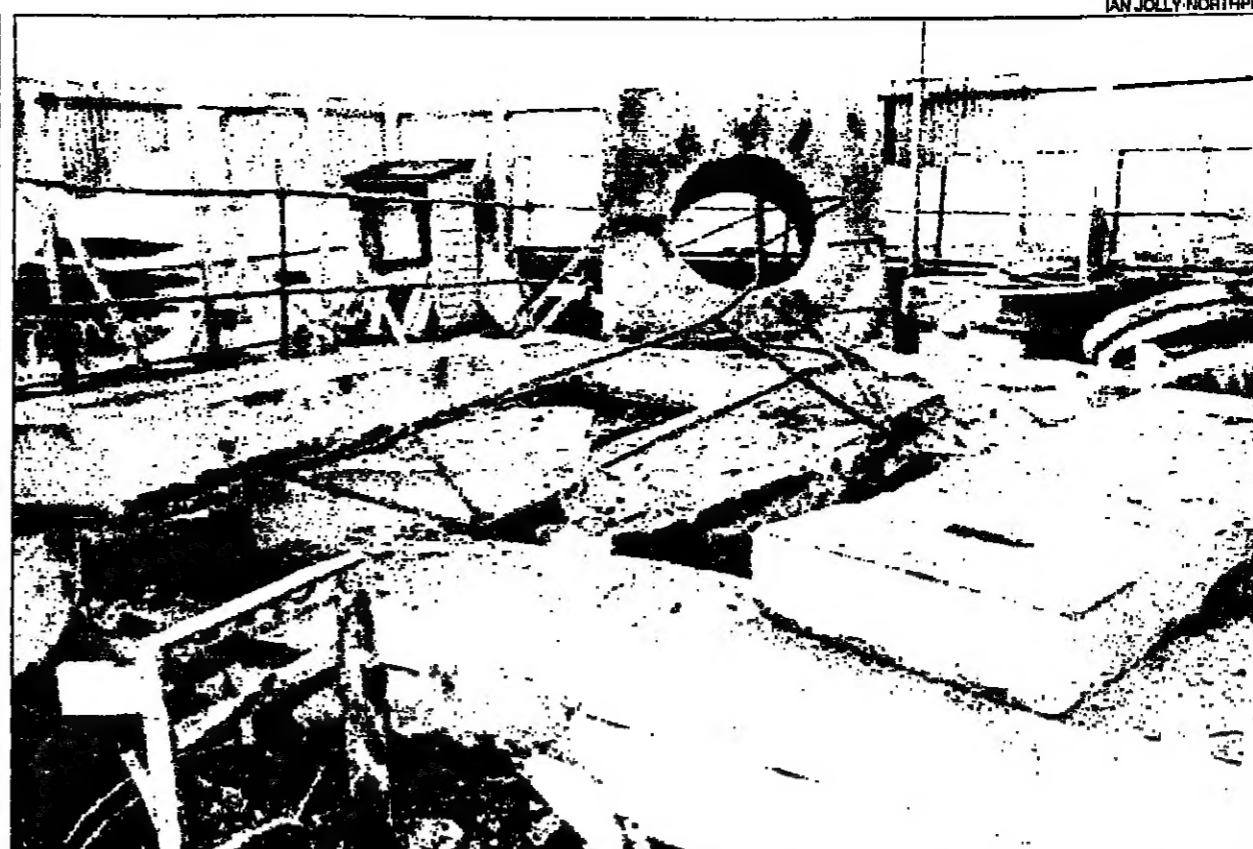
One letter, she said, had been written by the bishop himself begging a woman not to stop seeing him. Another note said: "My darling Kathleen, I love you very much."

Miss McKinney, from Oban, said that she had twice confronted the bishop and he had denied everything. In 1992 she went to Cardinal Thomas Winning, Archbishop

of Glasgow, and to Archbishop Keith O'Brien of St Andrews. After what she described as an "horrific" two-hour interview, they told her to leave the matter with them. She expected that the bishop would be asked to resign, but instead she was dismissed from her post by him. She heard nothing further from the Church.

It was not known whether the Church questioned the women named by Miss McKinney or simply accepted the word of the bishop. Piers McGrandle, of the *Catholic Herald*, said: "This was known about four years ago, but the Church swept it under the carpet. They should have investigated harder."

Last week Cardinal Winning admitted he had investigated allegations about the bishop's relations with women several years ago. Yesterday Father Noel Barry, spokesman for the cardinal, said: "The Church has to operate according to its own standards. We would never talk about a meeting which was sought and conducted on a confidential basis."



Newly released photographs show how concrete was reduced to rubble as radioactive material was scattered

Secret pictures reveal nuclear plant blast damage after 20 years

By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE devastating effects of a blast at the Dounreay nuclear plant nearly 20 years ago became clear yesterday with the release of the first pictures of the scene.

The photographs, unveiled by the UK Atomic Energy Authority, show the damage caused by an explosion in the plant's high-active waste shaft in 1977.

Radioactive materials were scattered over a large area of the site and a concrete plug weighing several tons was thrown 200 yards in the air from the top of the shaft.

Full details of the accident became public only last year following years of secrecy. A report by the Government's nuclear waste authority recently highlighted the shaft's unstable condition.

It was originally designed in the 1950s as an access tunnel for construction workers building a waste pipe at the Scottish nuclear facility. After

the building work was finished the bottom of the shaft was sealed and the hole was used to dump dangerous materials from the reactor. Between 1959 and 1974 no proper record of what was thrown in was kept.

The 215ft deep shaft is drilled into a crumbling cliff

face on the shores of the Pentland Firth and experts from around the world have been asked to work out how to make it safe or how to remove its lethal contents. The cost of such an option has been estimated at hundreds of millions of pounds.

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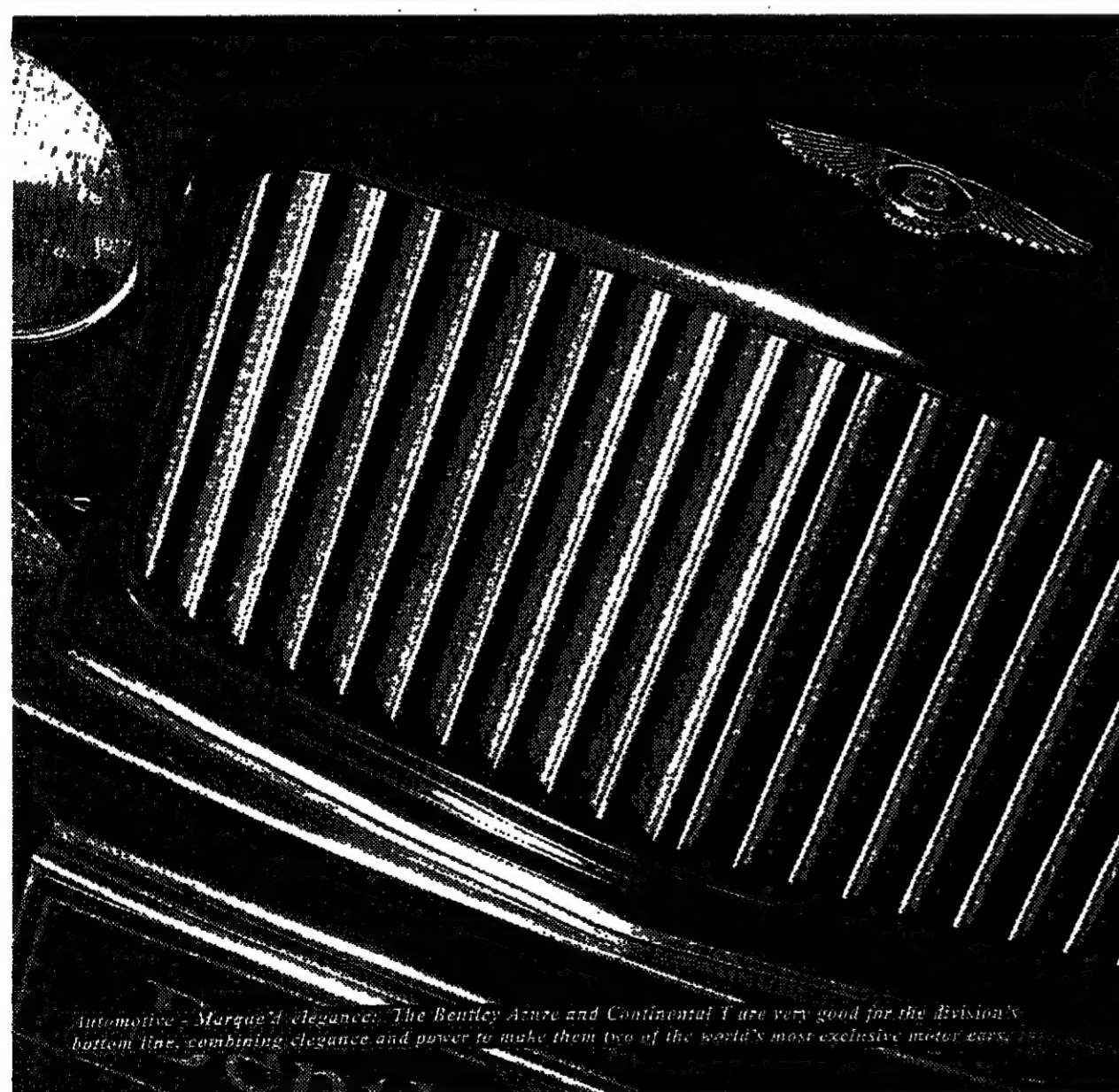
exhibition organised by the UKAEA, which operates Dounreay. The display at Thurso Town Hall will run until Saturday.

Managers at the Caithness nuclear plant hope that the local population will be reassured about the safety of the dump after recent revelations about the shaft. However, Lorraine Mann, of Scotland Against Nuclear Dumping, said that the exhibition was purely a damage-limitation exercise, which it had been forced to hold by the glare of media attention on the "extremely dangerous and shoddy practices" that had been used at Dounreay.

She said: "Nobody is going to be convinced by this. The fact remains that the shaft is very dangerous and they cannot hide that. Their own consultants say that there is a risk of another explosion and the effects of the last one are still with us today."



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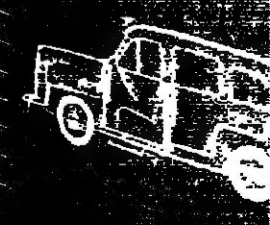
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CLONAL PARENT PLAN

Investigative psychology conference

Cracker shown the door by solve-it-yourself police

REPORTS BY
RUSSELL JENKINS

THE days of the real-life Crackers are numbered, academics and senior police officers were told yesterday. Police forces are fast developing their own versions of the criminal psychologists called in from the groves of academe to solve the most brutal and complex crimes.

The "scientist practitioners" are fully conversant with the latest computer technology and academic theories. David Canter told the fourth International Investigative Psychology Conference in Liverpool, Professor Canter, who heads the Investigative Psychology Unit at the city's university, said the science of "profiling" murderers and serial rapists was now being used as a tool in everyday police work, including crime prevention.

Professor Canter said the days of Fitz, the popular television character portrayed by Robbie Coltrane in the Granada TV series *Cracker*, were coming to an end. "The hit-and-run expert who sniffs around the murder scene in order to decide how the killer got on with his mother and what type of kinky sex he enjoyed is fading from real-life police investigations just as television viewers are also getting bored with these unlikely characters."

"Detectives are answering the question, 'At what stage in an inquiry do you bring in a psychologist?' with the re-

Robbie Coltrane as Fitz, lead character of *Cracker*

sponse. "Before the crime is committed, they are making psychology part of their way of thinking, not an add-on for specially difficult cases," Professor Canter said.

There were now five British forces with their own investigative psychology units

staffed by officers and civilians trained in how to study and interpret patterns of criminal behaviour. They had moved far beyond the public's perception of the well-meaning profiler who made ordinary policemen look flat-footed. A new breed of

detective, expert in investigative psychology and the latest information technology, was appearing. These scientific practitioners could help to create training programmes and operational systems to aid day-to-day crime detection. "It seems to me a very healthy development," said Professor Canter, who helped police in the Yorkshire Ripper case and the James Bulger murder on Merseyside.

He added: "There is a growing confidence among police officers in their ability to utilise this new discipline. As Merseyside Police are showing, together with many other forces, it is not enough to let academic psychologists carry out their studies and then to take the result if it looks interesting."

"It is essential to be part of the process of formulating the objectives of the research and to be directly involved in facilitating it. As an academic who, in the end has to collect the data and analyse it, this is a development that I strongly welcome."

Superintendent John Mawer, who heads the Merseyside intelligence unit, looked forward to a day when investigative psychology developed to such an extent that it could pinpoint potential criminals, especially serial killers, and prevent crimes before they happened. Referring to the Dunblane massacre, he said: "What could have been done had we applied science at the right time?"

Typical sex killers are tall, short or adopted

THE typical sex killer is likely to be an adopted child, very tall or very short with a very high or very low IQ, the conference was told. He is also too vain to wear spectacles.

If not adopted, he is the first or last child of several, suggesting that he was not planned and that his existence was restricted in some way to him by the parents. Chris Mussen of the Liverpool University Investigative Psychology Unit said.

Mr Mussen said his study of the characteristics of 405 serial sexual murderers in America showed up startling similarities which posed questions that could be answered only by their shared backgrounds.

In few cases was lust or sexual satisfaction the prime motive. Serious sexual assaults were "anti-sex" he said. The motives were much more to do with rage, control and possession.

Mr Mussen said that one day such statistical analyses would arm an investigator with enough detailed scientific knowledge to find his target, but acknowledged: "There is still a factor X, but I don't know what it is."

Gabrielle Salfani, of Liverpool University, suggested that the how, when and where a murder is committed gives strong clues to the murderer's criminal history, age and family background.

Natural selection gives six distinct types of burglar

BIRDS of a criminal feather do not flock together when professional burglary gangs are formed, the conference was told yesterday.

Individual members of different teams are subject to a sophisticated selection process according to the role they are required to perform, their expertise and previous convictions, said "prey" specialists.

An examination of the behaviour and characteristics of 70 criminals between the ages of 16 and 52 involved in the offence of ram-raiding revealed that each member of the group had highly defined and separate skills.

Angela Wilson, a detective inspector with Thames Valley Police, who carried out the study, discovered high levels of consistency between the gangs, their make-up and the criminal history of their members.

Gangs could be split up into six separate members: a leader who made the important decisions, the driver of the ramming vehicle, the "heavy" prepared to use violence, the apprentice to the leader, the extra who stole vehicles and performed other tasks in advance of the job, and the handler of the stolen property.

Ms Wilson analysed statistics and information about their previous convictions. Six previous offence themes were identified: high dishonesty; low dishonesty; high dishonesty; high dishonesty; high dishonesty; high dishonesty.

est/violence; high dishonesty/antisocial behaviour; low dishonesty/violence and low dishonesty/antisocial behaviour.

Individuals who performed the same role were shown to share the same kinds of previous convictions. The leaders fell into a category that combined high dishonesty with violence.

"They are particularly experienced and had been through the gamut of offences," Ms Wilson said.

Likewise, the "heavies" came into the low dishonesty and high violence bracket, the majority with offences for actual and grievous bodily harm. Handlers fell into the low dishonesty and anti-social bracket.

Drivers ranged across the spectrum. Their previous convictions were almost always offences such as car theft or driving without insurance.

Ms Wilson said that each of the teams was made up of very different individuals and their roles were respected by their colleagues. Few expected to swap their roles.

Ms Wilson said: "The consistency of these ram-raiding teams is not a matter of chance. Rather the make-up is planned so individuals with certain expertise and previous conviction history are selected for their appropriate roles to maximise the chances of success."

Modern robbers fail to fit identikit

THE modern armed robber attacks banks and building societies in highly organised gangs of three members or more. The "blaggers" are split almost evenly between gangs with a specific leader and those with an egalitarian structure.

Karyn McCluskey and Sarah Wardle, criminal intelligence analysts, spoke to 17 armed robbers convicted of at least three serious offences. Between them the criminals had carried out more than 300 armed robberies.

Each gang had a planner, a driver and a violent member who was prepared to use a loaded weapon against anyone who stood in their way. Almost all had acted on inside information from someone who worked in the target establishment or had recently left. Many of the robbers were fatalistic about the chances of imprisonment.

There were fundamental differences, however, in why each gang had been brought together, with ten out of 17 formed to commit one specific offence. Forty-one per cent of the gangs had a hierarchical structure while the rest were egalitarian.

Miss McCluskey said: "Preliminary evidence from the research suggests that there are distinct differences in the characteristics of the teams and the offenders within them."

Lack of funding threatens to delay animal tests ban

By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to phase out testing of cosmetics on animals are in jeopardy because of a shortage of funds to find alternative methods, the RSPCA said yesterday.

The animal protection charity said that the European Commission centre which is charged with approving alternative testing methods was underfunded and under-resourced.

In 1994, 3,520 tests involving animals, including their eyes and skin, were carried out in Britain. But under proposed European plans, mice, rats, rabbits, guinea-pigs and other laboratory animals will be replaced by computer models

and other tests within two years.

In 1993 commission ministers decided to phase out the use of animals in cosmetics testing. A ban on the marketing of new cosmetics and toiletries containing ingredients tested on animals after January 1, 1998, is due to come into force under the Cosmetics Directive. But this will happen only if alternatives have been approved and validated by the European Communities Validation of Alternative Methods centre.

In December the Commission will publish proposals for the first tests to be banned. But the charity claims that, to date, only a handful of alternative tests are close to being approved, putting in jeopardy the entire phase-out scheme.

The public is being urged to write to Trade and Industry Ministers demanding swifter action before the end of the year. "The use of animals in cosmetics testing could become a thing of the past but only if efforts to find alternatives are accelerated dramatically," the RSPCA

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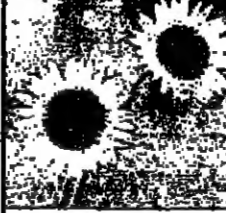
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Trusts reject nurses' appeal for end to local pay awards

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

NHS managers clashed yesterday with nurses' leaders over the future of pay bargaining as it emerged that more than nine out of ten health service trusts have still not agreed a salary award for nurses for the current year.

The employers called yesterday for an end to national pay bargaining and said that hospitals must be given the freedom to negotiate wages locally. The National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts said the existing system, in which a national rise is set by the nurses' pay review body with an additional amount negotiated by each trust, was "the worst of all worlds". It said that the nurses' pay review body should be abolished.

Unions rejected the demand and said that NHS trusts could not be relied upon to deliver reasonable pay awards to nurses. In evidence submitted yesterday to the pay review body, it said that a strong national recommendation on pay was essential to ensure nurses were properly rewarded.

The unions said that they were looking for parity with comparable occupations. The lowest-paid registered nurse is said to receive 14 to 23 per cent less than social workers, teachers or policemen at a comparable level.

The association, which submitted joint evidence to the

review body with the NHS Trust Federation, said that in the two years since local pay had been introduced, trusts had been given too little scope to negotiate locally because the major part of the rise was set nationally by the review body. Trusts were given a 2.75 per cent budget increase to fund pay awards this year. The national rise of 2 per cent, set in April, left them little room for manoeuvre. To date, 411 of the 485 trusts that employ nurses have made offers but only 33 have reached a settlement, the association said.

The unions said that more than 33 per cent of NHS trusts had still failed to make any local pay offer compared with 98 per cent that had made offers at the same time last year. They are angry that doctors, whose pay is still

determined nationally, received up to 6.8 per cent this year, leaving less available locally for nurses.

Philip Hunt, the association's director, said the nursing unions' demand for a national pay rise would take the NHS "back to the dinosaur age". He blamed the low number of pay settlements this year on union leaders' failure to negotiate. "What we need are pay awards that hospitals and trusts can afford and that give us more flexibility to improve quality of services," Mr Hunt said.

"Most trusts have made offers but it takes two to tango. Many staff representatives under pressure from their national officers will not sit round the table with local managers to negotiate. We need a clear decision to go for local pay, removing impediments such as the review bodies and bringing terms and conditions into the equation."

Christine Hancock, general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, said that about two thirds of the local pay offers had been for increases of less than 1 per cent.

Earlier this month Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, said that NHS trusts should have maximum discretion to determine pay. But Ms Hancock said that local bargaining had led to staff shortages and low morale.



Hunt: blamed unions for lack of settlements

Student dies after blood ban

A YOUNG Jehovah's Witness died after her family refused to let her have a blood transfusion after a skating accident, an inquest was told yesterday.

A doctor said he had pleaded with the woman's family to permit a transfusion, which would have given her a 90 per cent chance of survival.

Emelle Groogies, 19, broke both legs after she lost control of her inline skates on a hill in July. Miss Groogies, a Dutch student, had been on holiday at Lockley Park caravan park in Hamworthy, Dorset, with her parents. She was taken to

Poole General Hospital where she died five days later in intensive care.

The inquest at Bournemouth was told that Miss Groogies died after fat and marrow from her shattered bones entered her bloodstream, and then congested her lungs.

Dr Barry Newman, head of the intensive care unit, said: "If she had received all the therapies we could give, then I would have given her chances as 90 per cent. Her parents had signed a form saying that she would not take blood or

blood products." Miss Groogies's father, Cornelius, of Schogen in northern Holland, said: "We accept other treatment, but not blood or blood products."

Nigel Neville-Jones, the East Dorset Coroner, said that a post-mortem examination had given the cause of death as fat embolism syndrome. He recorded a verdict that Miss Groogies died as the result of an accident, "the consequences of which were contributed by the refusal of blood transfusions on religious grounds".



Donald Spear and his wife Juliette, who said they are "just getting on with the situation in hand"

CJD sufferer faces premature death with a sense of humour

By DOMINIC KENNEDY, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

WHEN Donald Spear first invited *The Times* into his home to talk about living with the human equivalent of "mad cow" disease, he filled the room with wisecracks, laughter and adventure stories about his life as a motor-cycle courier. A year later, his wife Juliette does most of the talking as she cheerfully describes his existence. He cannot walk and has almost lost the power of speech.

Mr Spear, 33, did not think that he would live to learn the outcome of the High Court battle on behalf of himself and 18 others who contracted Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease from contaminated human growth hormone. Sixteen of those prescribed the hormone as youngsters so that they would reach normal height are already dead. In the summer, a judge ruled that the Department of Health

was to blame for cases after July 1977, because by then there were warning signals that the treatment, given to 1,900 children between 1959 and 1985, was risky.

Mr Spear grew to 5ft 5in instead of 4ft 8in. Whether his family receives compensation will depend on when treatment was deemed to have started. He began receiving injections in 1977 but was referred to specialists before the key date. The case returns to the High Court at the end of the month and a final hearing is expected next year.

Mr Spear's positive and mocking attitude towards premature death has astonished experienced doctors. He asked a friend to tattoo his arm "Immortal so far". If somebody solemnly wished him good luck, he would chuckle: "I'll need it".

CJD robs a victim of his

powers one by one. A year ago Mr Spear would insist on making coffee for a visitor, willing his hands to stop trembling. He continued walking, sometimes helped by a stick, until he fell in the kitchen in February on his way to the refrigerator to get an ice-cream. He broke his leg, spent eight weeks in bed, and has been immobile since.

Nurses, doctors and therapists begin to arrive at the small flat in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, that Mr Spear shared with his girlfriend for five years before they married in 1995, knowing he had a terminal illness. He is visited by Harash Narang, the scientist who believes he has found a way to diagnose CJD before death, although most experts believe it can be confirmed only by examining the remains of the brain.

The specialists have sur-

fered their share of good-natured teasing from Mr Spear, who made jokes about being visited by so many women, but the couple's gratitude for their physical and emotional support is immeasurable. The front room is filled with his surgical bed, a hoist, a special armchair, fans and the rest of the paraphernalia needed to fulfil his desire to stay at home instead of retreating to hospital.

Mrs Spear, 36, who gave up her job in sales to care for her husband, says that in her husband's case CJD has involved a pattern of stabilisation followed by another deterioration. "It is like levels," she says, her hand making downward steps in the air. "If someone had said this to me a couple of years ago I would have been horrified, but you just get on with the situation in hand."

Liquid breathes life into premature babies

By NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

A LONDON hospital hopes to save the lives of premature babies by filling their lungs with a liquid that helps them to breathe.

The technique, called liquid ventilation, has been used successfully in America. The liquid is a combination of carbon and fluorine into which a large amount of oxygen is dissolved.

Professor Anne Greenough of King's College Hospital in southeast London plans to launch a trial of the technique in the new year using a chemical manufactured by a subsidiary of British Nuclear Fuels. The therapy will be used on babies born at less than 30 weeks' gestation who often suffer from breathing difficulties. The liquid will be trickled into their lungs and combined with conventional oxygen ventilation in an incubator.

"Most of the treatment will be the same but we will be adding the fluid because we think it will be kinder to the babies' lungs," Professor Greenough said. "There is no need to drain the liquid as it simply evaporates."

The hope is that more premature babies will survive and that all those treated will be less likely to suffer from chronic lung disease, which affects half of all babies born before 30 weeks.

The liquid, made by BNFL Fluorochemicals Ltd, is a distant spin-off from nuclear technology. Called perfluorodecalin, it has a molecule made up of ten carbon and 18 fluorine atoms. Dr Gerry May, the company's commercial manager, said: "Because it has a close affinity to oxygen, premature babies with under-developed lungs can breathe it like air until their lungs are fully developed. It is like an extension of the womb."

So far, Professor Greenough has clearance to use it only as a rescue therapy in very sick children. She has treated one baby but was unable to save its life. "I have applied for funding for a full, controlled trial that could start early next year," she said.

Family of kidnap victim appeals for news

By JOANNA BAILE

THE family of a British explosives expert kidnapped in Cambodia six months ago appealed for information yesterday. Christopher Howes, 36, of the Mines Advisory Group, and his interpreter were abducted by armed men in the northwestern province of Siem Reap on March 26. Mr Howes's parents said in a letter

published in a Cambodian newspaper that the family was suffering "great distress" because of the lack of information about his fate. His mother, Betty, "particularly appeals to other mothers and indeed all women who may be able to help," the letter said.

The Bangkok Post reported in August that an officer of the Khmer Rouge had said that Mr Howes had been executed in

the guerrillas' stronghold of Anlong Veng. His interpreter, Houn Hourth, was said to have died of malaria in July. Khmer Rouge radio later denied that the guerrilla group had killed Mr Howes.

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Head tells 'selfish' runaway schoolboy a few home truths

By PETER FOSTER

THE teenager with an insatiable wanderlust who sets off globetrotting without warning was condemned by his headmaster yesterday as irresponsible and selfish.

Peter Kerry, 15, was picked up by German police in Frankfurt on Sunday as he cycled down an autobahn on his way to Budapest. Eighteen months ago he found his way to Malaysia using his father's passport and credit cards.

Ten days ago he had disappeared from his home in Harrow, north London, on his bicycle with a change of clothes and some savings to try to get to Budapest before the weather closed in.

Early yesterday morning the boy, looking sheepish, was taken back to his school in Amersham, Buckinghamshire, only to be sent home again for a few days to discuss his future with his family.

Graham Hill, headmaster of Dr Challoner's Grammar school, said the pupil had not been suspended and would be returning later in the week. "We are pleased that Peter has returned safe and well," he said. "We do not, however, condone his irresponsible and selfish behaviour in any way. He has caused his family untold anxiety and wasted the time and resources of the police, social workers and teachers."

Peter's parents, Pat and John Kerry, said yesterday that they would do everything in their "limited powers" to stop their son running away again. After his previous disappearance they told how they sent him on foreign trips



Peter Kerry on the way to face his headmaster

to Spain, France and Poland to try to cure him of his travel bug, without success. Further trips to Amsterdam and Germany had been planned. Mrs Kerry said she had spent a worrying week waiting for her son's return: "I didn't have any concrete evidence that he had gone of his own will or whether anything terrible had happened to him. When I didn't get any news and he didn't phone I began to suspect the worst."

Asked if Peter appreciated the anxiety his parents felt Mr Kerry said: "I don't know that he thinks that way. It was like a bombshell when he disappeared. There's no logical explanation other than he wants to see the world. We need to talk about the future. We've lots to sort out."

After Peter was picked up in Germany, he told his mother he would travel back alone but, to be on the safe side, she asked police to escort him to the airport.

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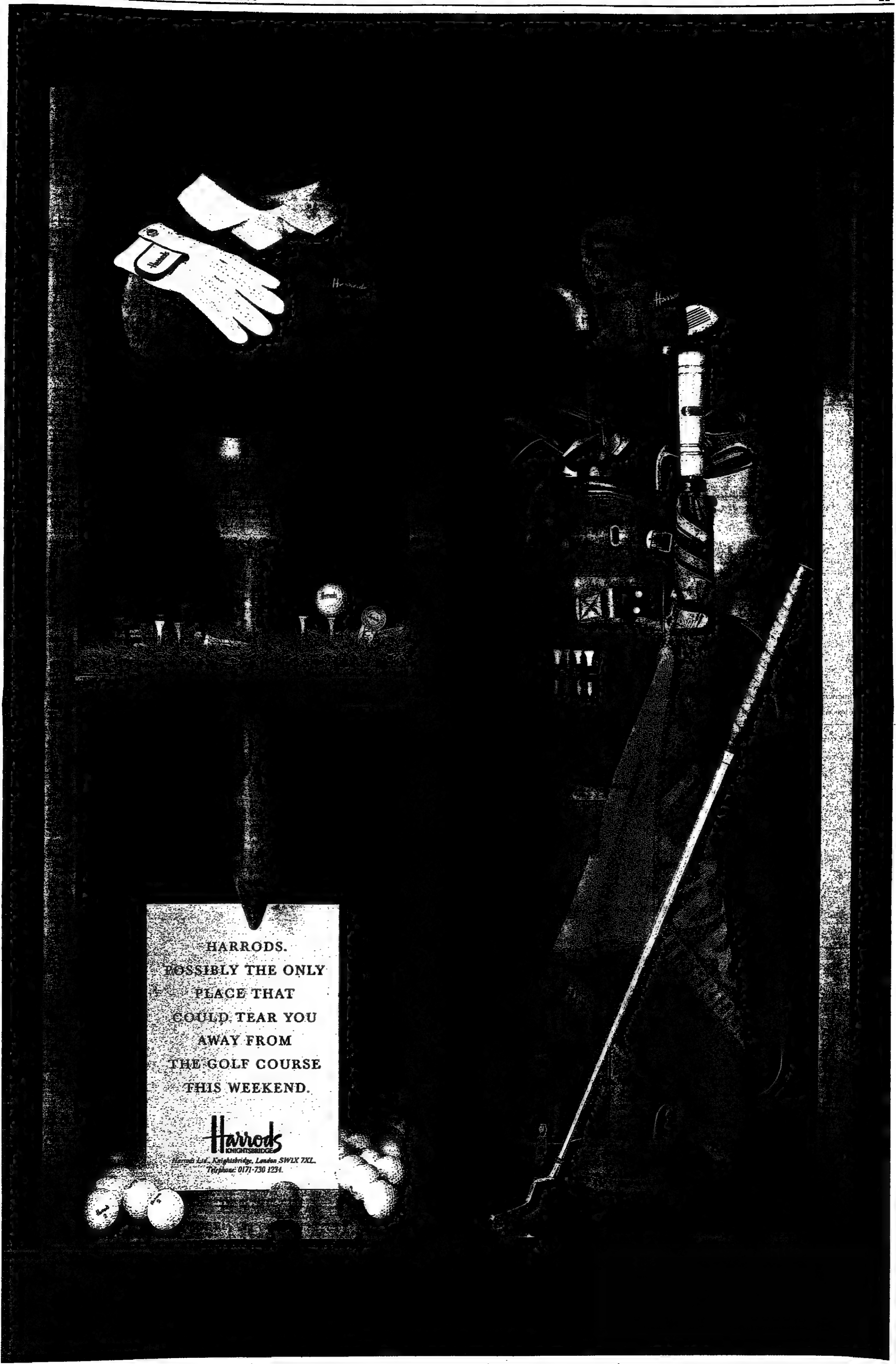
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Row on single currency intensifies

Tory Right urges Major to sacrifice his Chancellor

By Philip Webster and Andrew Pierce

RELATIONS between Kenneth Clarke and John Major were under strain yesterday as right-wing pressure for the Chancellor's dismissal intensified.

The Prime Minister was reported by confidants to be exasperated over Mr Clarke's departure from the agreed Cabinet line on the European single currency. He was felt to have abused his near-unassailable position in the Government and to have breached an agreement which the Cabinet Euro-sceptics have observed, in spite of their desire to go further and rule out a single currency for the lifetime of the next Parliament.

David Heathcoat-Amory, the former Treasury Minister who resigned in July to campaign against the single currency, was among a growing list of right-wing MPs who suggested that Mr Major could now afford to sacrifice Mr Clarke in the interests of pushing through a change of policy. His view is not supported by most senior strategists in Downing Street or Conservative Central Office. They believe that if Mr Clarke left the Government, other pro-European ministers would follow him into exile and the split would ruin any chances of a Tory recovery. An influential party figure said yesterday: "It would not be five or six others."

Mr Clarke's statement that it would be "pathetic" if Britain sidelined itself from the first wave of single currency members and then joined later was seen by ministers as a clear breach of the painstakingly agreed compromise that all options would be left open, and that a referendum would follow any Cabinet decision to join. By going beyond that and effectively ruling out the option of Britain watching the new system and perhaps joining later, Mr Clarke has stretched the patience of his Cabinet colleagues to the limit. Brian Mawhinney, the par-

ty chairman, was angry that his careful attempts to create a pre-conference truce on Europe — last week he held private talks with John Redwood and the week before with Baroness Thatcher — had been scuppered. Sources close to Mr Major said he was irritated. One said: "His feeling is that a lot of people are working hard to make the conference a success and ten seconds from Ken gets in the way of all of that. It is a case of 'here we go again'."

Senior party strategists fear that Mr Clarke may be pushing Mr Major to the limit because he fears that he will

this week has republished a pamphlet attacking the intellectual arguments for a common currency, said that the Tory elder statesmen had missed the point last week when they issued an appeal for Britain to take a strong lead in Europe. He said: "At the moment we do not have any leadership in this country on this important policy issue. It is an abdication of responsibility for the Government to say it will not say what the policy will be until after the general election. It is not surprising that people are tempted to vote for the Referendum Party."

Sir Richard Body, one of the eight Tory MPs who resigned the Whip over Europe, will challenge John Major tonight to replace Mr Clarke if he does not cease his public utterances on the timing of Britain's entry into a single currency.

Sir Richard, who will be speaking at a public meeting in Reigate for the Campaign for an Independent Britain, which supports Britain's withdrawal from the EU, said: "It would not be a high price to pay to lose Kenneth Clarke before the general election if it meant the Tory party could rally round a policy opposed to monetary union."

"Ken Clarke is in a minority in the Cabinet, the Tory party and in the country. If Ken Clarke cannot be brought round to that way of thinking we should have a new Chancellor before the general election."

Bill Cash, MP for Stafford, urged the Chancellor to reconsider his position. "The Chancellor and his allies are trying to fudge the rules. We don't want a single currency."

Downing Street sources said the Government had not altered its position on the single currency. "We negotiated an opt-out and that remains our position. It leaves us in the position of forming a judgment at the appropriate time."

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Clarke departed from the agreed Cabinet line

come under the most intense pressure between now and the election to rule out a single currency. However, his performance during the next few months is viewed as vital to the Conservatives' election hopes and for that reason he is seen as safe.

Mr Heathcoat-Amory and other sceptics disagree. He said the Chancellor was not indispensable. "No one minister is essential for the Government's survival, particularly when their departure would release a policy blockage and allow us to advance a policy change that would be very popular in the country."

Mr Heathcoat-Amory, who



Radio 1 playlist protest rocks around the block

To the rowing of 50 motorcycle engines and the blast of a megawatt sound system, the heavy metal group Iron Maiden descend on Broadcasting House in London yesterday to protest at Radio One's refusal to play their records. With the ageing rocker's scruffy deans and long hair, the group's singer Blaze Bayley and guitarist Janick Gers arrived astride huge loudspeakers blasting out songs such as *Bring Your Daughter to the Slaughter* and *The Nature of the Beast* (Kathryn Knight writes). They were accompanied by their mascot, a 12ft rubber mutant human-

oid called Eddie. "They won't play any of our singles so we're going to play them to them," Mr Gers said. "This should shake them up a bit." The band has sold 40 million albums, gathered more than 150 gold and platinum awards for sales, and this year marks 20 years in the music business. However, their hits do not

get air time on Radio One as part of the station's policy of banning chart hits by "unfashionable" artists. As the accompanying bikers of the National Chopper Club revved their engines to the rhythm of *The Nature of the Beast* in the normally staid portals of Portland Place, Mr Bayley said he was enjoying making a stand. "This is

Anger at employment law shake-up plan

By Valerie Elliott, Whitehall Editor

AN OVERHAUL of employment law to prevent new recruits to small firms from making unfair dismissal claims was proposed by the Government yesterday. The scheme was part of a package of suggestions from the "de-regulation task force".

Ministers want to hear wide reaction to the exemption idea, which Mr Maude said would encourage one and two-man firms to hire more staff. The scheme was denounced

by the Labour Party, which claimed the move was part of the "Tory hidden agenda" to dismantle employment protections. Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, sent businesspeople a survey asking them which regulations they would most like to see disappear.

Health and safety rules, employment laws, statutory sick and maternity pay, product safety markings and planning and building controls were the most disliked. Francis Maude, head of the deregulation unit, said the

exemption rule would be good for business and that it would help people to cross "a psychological threshold" to take on more staff. He conceded, however, his proposition was not "scientifically provable".

He believed that fear of industrial tribunals was hindering many people from taking on new staff.

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, launching the task force annual report, said deregulation was a government priority. "We are tackling outdated regulations and making the necessary

ones simpler and easier to comply with," he said.

Margaret Beckett, the Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, said the consultation exercise was an indication of the Government's "continual drive to cut standards" and she accused Mr Heseltine of "gesture politics".

John Monks, TUC General Secretary, said that ending such employment rights would be the thin end of the wedge. "Basic rights to fair treatment cannot depend on the number of employees a firm happens to employ."

Rules on raffling bottles of wine, spirits and champagne were also relaxed yesterday. Ministers decided there should be no requirement for liquor prizes in raffles to be licensed.

The Government has also decided to help charitable trusts by removing restrictions on where they can invest and there was a commitment to reduce the number of government forms and surveys for small firms. Paperwork will also be reduced for employers on PAYE and National Insurance.

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Labour's 'definite maybe' arouses MacLennan's suspicion

A new, and so far largely unappreciated, division has appeared in the ranks of the constitutional reformers — between pragmatists and enthusiasts. Tony Blair and Liberal Democrats such as Menzies Campbell are in the first group, while Robin Cook and Robert MacLennan, the Liberal Democrat president, are in the second. Both accept the need to reform the way Britain is governed. Their difference is over the pace of change.

Some Tories believe that constitutional reform is the issue on which a Blair government could founder and which offers the Tories

the hope of reuniting in opposition and returning to office quickly. They argue that the reformers' plans are inherently flawed and will clog up the legislative programme. Arguments over the House of Lords and devolution will inevitably be prolonged just as they were in the late 1990s and late 1970s. Under existing parliamentary conventions, the detailed committee debates on such measures are on the floor of the Commons. Labour has proposed legislation on devolution for London and the English regions as well as Scotland and Wales, a freedom of information act, incorporation of the Euro-

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pean Convention on Human Rights into British law, plus House of Lords reform, so constitutional measures could take up much of Parliament's time.

The pragmatists are worried about such indigestion. They fear that the momentum for change could be lost and that supporters of any reforming government would want to see a lengthy economic and social agenda implemented.

To avoid these dangers, Mr Blair believes constitutional reform

needs to be rescued from the enthusiasts. That is the real reason why three months ago he proposed a two question pre-referendum on Scottish devolution. He has not watered down his support for devolution but he does not want any repetition of the endless debates of 20 years ago. His proposal for a two question pre-referendum is not intended to impede devolution but to make it easier to get the necessary legislation through the Commons if the Scottish people first vote for the principle and for such a parliament to have tax-raising powers. Of course, even this pre-referendum would require leg-

islation, but the main Bill might be easier to pass if public support had been demonstrated.

The Blairites believe that other reforms should not be too time consuming. A deal with the Tories may be possible on removing the voting rights of hereditary peers by making the active ones life peers as an interim measure. The other Bills should be less controversial.

The enthusiasts are suspicious. Mr MacLennan yesterday described Labour's commitment as "a definite maybe". He believes that piecemeal reform is not enough and that a comprehensive settlement is required: devolution has

direct implications for reform of the Commons. Mr MacLennan has put forward a Constitutional Declaration, to be debated today, setting out a timetable. This would start with an omnibus Reform Bill in 1997-98, providing for changes in the Commons and Lords and fixed terms for Parliament, reform of voting, devolution and a Bill of Rights. This would lead over seven years to a written constitution. To avoid a plethora of referendums, leading Liberal Democrats are discussing the idea of a Democracy Day when the public could vote on these plans and a single currency. Achieving even part of this

programme would require big changes to Commons procedure if constitutional overload is to be avoided. Mr MacLennan recognises that. Like some Labour enthusiasts, he believes that, as with finance Bills, only the key points of principle in constitutional Bills should be dealt with on the floor of the Commons with the rest being considered by a standing committee. That alone will prove to be highly contentious. I can already hear the warnings of the pragmatists: don't rush and, first, establish public support for change.

PETER RIDDELL

Rodgers provokes anger with call for tactical voting

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT tensions over the party's links with Labour were heightened again yesterday when a senior peer recommended tactical voting in certain seats.

Lord Rodgers of Quarry Bank, a former Labour Cabinet minister and co-founder of the SDP, urged Liberal Democrats to support Labour if that offered the best prospect of defeating a sitting Tory MP. He was heckled by party members who accused him of threatening Liberal Democrat chances of a breakthrough at the general election.

Lord Rodgers's call reignited the internal dispute over the party's relationship with Labour, an issue that has become a pivotal part of Liberal Democrat strategy in the run-up to the election. Paddy Ashdown indicated that the two opposition parties will co-operate on some policies after the election, but he insisted that Labour must move towards his party.

Today Mr Ashdown will try to quell disquiet over potential links with Labour by telling activists to campaign on the clear differences between the two. In his conference speech, he will contrast the "consistency, clarity and distinctiveness" of Liberal Democrat policy with that of Labour.

However, he will concentrate his fire on Tory attempts to portray his party as un-



certainly say to the others of this country: vote to get rid of this Government: vote Liberal Democrat as a first preference but vote Labour if that is the best way of doing so."

He insisted that tactical voting would also benefit Liberal Democrats, increasing the party's total number of seats and leading to a government of the centre-left representing about 60 per cent of the electorate.

Earlier, in an interview with BBC Radio 4's Today programme, Mr Ashdown indicated that he was prepared to co-operate with Labour if he felt it would benefit the country. "I'm in politics to do things," he said. "If I wanted to be a Cabinet minister I probably wouldn't have been a Liberal Democrat because there are things I believe in that I want to put into practice, that I think are good for our country."

"If working with others, because they've come to agree with us, delivers those things, and is good for Britain, then I'll do it."

However, Mr Ashdown's conciliatory tone was not matched by Donald Dewar, Labour's Chief Whip, who said that he did not expect to need the support of the Liberal Democrat Party, which he described as "an important pressure group".



The new breed of Liberal Democrats listening to Paddy Ashdown yesterday. They say that the party is the only one that allows mature debate

Cardigans give way to bright young suits

By ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Liberal Democrat Party, once the preserve of middle-aged men in sandals and cardigans, has been hijacked by the young.

The new species at the party conference in Brighton would not disgrace London fashion week. At the party's youth rally women could be seen in chocolate brown suits, lacy tights and knee high boots. The men wore orange and lime green shirts and Paul Smith ties with their suits.

Young voters, increasingly turned off by the Tories and Labour, are turning elsewhere. Membership among the under-30s has doubled in two years to 5,000, and unlike Labour,

the party has not resorted to cut-price deals.

The new members say they are attracted to the Liberal Democrats because of their radical "left-wing" policies on the environment, education and tax, their pro-European stance. They say that the party is the only one that allows any kind of mature debate. Many have been recruited from university fresher weeks.

Whereas young Labour members have to toe Tony Blair's party line, the Liberal Democrats are allowed to discuss turning the Queen and her corgis out of Buckingham Palace and can encourage Paddy Ashdown to roll his own joints. They want to lower the age of consent for homosexual sex

to 16 and to allow 17-year-olds to stand for Parliament.

At their rally yesterday, student Liberal Democrats made it clear that they loathe the smugness of new Labour with its mobile telephones and establishment attitude and will not tolerate any cosying up to Mr Blair. The also ridiculed the party's attempts to recruit them in nightclubs such as the Ministry of Sound in London. They dismissed the Young Conservatives as friendly misfits in bowties.

Alex Wilcock, a typical young Liberal Democrat in sloganised T-shirt and all-star trainers, said: "Young people don't want to join a political party for the social life and they certainly don't want to watch middle-

aged politicians condescending to dance with them. They now join a party for debate."

Mr Ashdown addressed the rally, shirt sleeves rolled up, and encouraged them to "get a bangover and cause havoc". But most appeared more interested in getting council seats and jobs with the animal rights lobbies.

Paul Elgood, from Brighton and Hove, said: "I don't want to be a member of a party that is dictated to by the unions and big business. Nor do I want a repeat of Margaret Thatcher, and Tony Blair is already stepping into her shoes. You only have to look at the way he treated Clare Short to realise he will be a dictator."

Activists back commitment to Europe

BRITAIN must become a "candid friend" to her European partners and be a founder member of economic and monetary union, the Liberal Democrats said yesterday.

Charles Kennedy, the party's European spokesman, said that he wanted to see a decentralised Europe with

Britain playing a constructive, committed and central role. Malcolm Bruce, the Treasury spokesman, emphasised the need for a single European currency.

The party leadership is keen to push its pro-Europe credentials this week and ridicule Tory party disunity. The conference backed a call for a

commitment for Britain to be "at the heart of Europe".

But divisions in the party were already appearing yesterday with MPs showing their Euro-scepticism at fringe meetings. Nick Harvey, the trade and industry spokesman, said the British people had yet to be convinced about closer integration. He also

expressed concern at a European Central Bank having control over mortgage rates.

Mr Bruce contradicted him, saying: "The benefit we will gain from economic and monetary union is a great degree of stability, lower interest rates, lower inflation and access to the core policy-making union of the EU."

Bruce wants to give voters a say in tax policy

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

TAXPAYERS would be given the chance to vote on controversial Budget measures under Liberal Democrat plans to create a "Tax Contract" with the public.

The party would like voters to play an active role in government decision-making, with ministers being forced to disclose more detail of spending and taxation plans. Voters would be able to put forward their views on specific tax and spending changes before a Budget, through postal questionnaires, a "telephone referendum" or a network of publicly accessible computers linked to the Treasury.

Taxpayers would also be sent annual statements setting out precise spending and taxation changes. The statements, similar to those on council tax spending, would set out the proportion of money spent by individual government departments and would clarify tax changes introduced in the previous Budget.

Malcolm Bruce, the Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman, said that the consultation would not apply to central economic policy but to tax changes "on the margins", such as the Liberal Democrat proposal to increase duty on tobacco to fund the reintroduction of free dental and eye checks. Ministers would not be bound by the consultation but "it would not make sense to ignore public opinion".

Mr Bruce accused Labour and the Tories of deceiving voters on tax and challenged Labour to commit itself to

Budget. "Let me say this to Tony Blair last year I invited you to join us in the lobbies to vote down tax cuts, to vote for investment in education. You didn't have the guts to do that then. Will you have the guts to do it this year?"

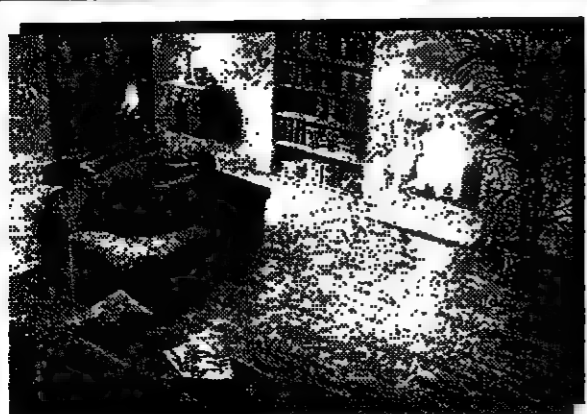
Mr Bruce said that if this year's Budget did not provide £2 billion more for education and was not consistent with responsible economic management "he in no doubt, we will vote against tax cuts this year too".

He emphasised the Liberal Democrat commitment to raising tax to 50p for those earning more than £100,000 to fund the removal of 750,000 low earners from taxation. "The other parties are practising a deception on taxes. They know it, we know it, the media know it and the electorate know it. Frankly, Labour dares not speak the truth and is determined to be nowhere to the left of the Tories."

He went on: "The real danger for the country is that Tony Blair wouldn't make any difference. We may not be the official Opposition in the House of Commons, but in the battle of ideas with the Tories we have become the only opposition."

Mr Bruce said the Liberal Democrats had no "ideological objection" to lower taxes if they could be afforded. But he criticised John Major for saying last week that the Tories' tax cuts were "moral". Mr Bruce said that it could not be moral to cut overseas aid, freeze again the pay of public sector workers and let schools

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West keeps anxious eye on the secretive machinations in Moscow



Chubais: increasing his grip on Kremlin power

By MICHAEL BINYON
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STABILITY is the overwhelming Western interest in Russia. The fear in the West is that President Yeltsin's prolonged absence will fuel the Kremlin power struggle and, until an unchallenged successor emerges, it will be hard for Western leaders to do business with Moscow or predict Russian behaviour.

This worry, however, is tempered by two important factors — that those running the Government and the Kremlin in Mr Yeltsin's absence are men closely associated with reform, and that there seems

little likelihood of a return to Communism. Since the Communists' defeat in June's elections, the party has rapidly lost credibility.

Western politicians recognise there is little they can do to avoid a power struggle or to influence the outcome. They are, therefore, careful not to make clear their preference for any possible Yeltsin successor. "Of course we are comfortable with Viktor Chernomyrdin; but he is not the only person who could ensure stability," one diplomat said yesterday. He noted

that Anatoli Chubais, the Kremlin chief of staff, was long one of the leading advocates of privatisation and economic reform, and was now increasing his grip on power.

Western analysts say the Russian economy and reform process now has enough momentum to continue without a strong Government. As long as President Yeltsin is nominally in control, sudden changes of policy — both domestic and foreign — are unlikely. If he were to die, however, there would have to be a presidential election within three

months, which might sharpen policy disagreements.

The West's priority is to work out a new relationship between Russia and Nato, and to persuade Moscow to drop its opposition to Nato enlargement. This is likely to be difficult, whoever has the upper hand in the Kremlin. Russian politicians across the spectrum want the West to forge a new relationship with Moscow before Nato enlargement. Western leaders are trying to negotiate the two simultaneously.

A power vacuum would make two pressing internal issues harder to resolve — reforming the Russian

tax system and the army. Both must be tackled soon: a virtual tax collection collapse has starved the Government of funds and left millions unpaid for months. The Chechnya war has undermined the poor state of military morale, competence and training.

Both these questions will preoccupy the Kremlin in the coming months, one analyst said. He saw the likely conflict between Mr Chubais, Mr Chernomyrdin and General Aleksandr Lebed as complicating decisions.

With such domestic preoccupations, Russia was unlikely to change its foreign policy, leaving a

predictable Russian line — largely laid down by President Yeltsin and Yevgeni Primakov, the Foreign Minister — on most international questions.

The West is relatively philosophical about the turmoil created by Mr Yeltsin's ill health. The main lesson Western leaders have drawn from Russia's upheavals over the past decade is that there is little the outside world can do to influence its political machinations.

The best approach is to make clear Western interests, articulate them frequently, and show the Kremlin they will be forcefully defended if challenged.

Absence of Yeltsin will trigger bitter scramble for supremacy

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

IT MAY have happened nearly 400 years ago, but Russians still recall with apprehension the era known as "The Time of Troubles", when the Tsar's throne lay empty and the country was at the mercy of seven treacherous noblemen.

With President Yeltsin again confined to hospital a sense of foreboding has gripped the country that the noblemen may be back.

The fear today is not that Moscow will be sold out to Poland, as it was in the early 17th century, but that in the absence of a strong figure the nation could be plunged into a new period of chaos as leading figures scramble for power.

President Yeltsin's functions have been divided between three figures whose rivalries are common knowledge and whose duties often overlap.

Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, occupies potentially the most important position. He has already taken charge of the so-called "power ministries", responsible for defence, intelligence and law enforcement. When President Yeltsin has his bypass surgery, Mr Chernomyrdin will also take control of Russia's nuclear arsenal. In the event of the Kremlin leader's death, he will take over as head of state until fresh elections are held.

The stout former head of Russia's huge gas industry has impressed Western governments with his solid performance, but at home there are doubts that he has the will or charisma to take charge.

That has never been a problem for his main rival, General Aleksandr Lebed, who is hungry for power, and

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both charismatic and popular. As he proved during his peace mission to Chechnya, the former paratrooper general can get things done, but he lacks the authority to act alone.

By contrast, Anatoli Chubais, the President's chief of staff, is arguably the most powerful man in Russia today. He controls the machinery of the Kremlin administration and draws up the decrees which are then signed by the Russian leader on his sickbed. However, Mr Chubais's power hangs by a thread. He remains deeply mistrusted and the moment President Yeltsin leaves power, his enemies will pounce.

Other key figures may emerge in the coming weeks. Yuri Luzhkov, the dynamic Mayor of Moscow, has signalled that his ambitions stretch far beyond the municipality. Gennadi Zyuganov, who came second in July's presidential elections, has made it clear that he is ready to fight all comers.

For the time being the forces are evenly-balanced and an outright grab for power seems unlikely. However, politics move quickly in Russia and it is inconceivable, given recent history, that the present status quo will remain if the Russian leader stays absent from office for months on end.

Already there are signs of impending crises in several sectors, from industrial strikes to the threat of renewed conflict in Chechnya.

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Michael DeBakey, the US heart surgeon, right, is met in Moscow yesterday by Yevgeni Chazov, head of the Cardiological Research Centre

'Rasputin' plots his comeback

Moscow: General Aleksandr Kozhakov, Boris Yeltsin's one-time "Rasputin" who was sacked as the head of the presidential security service, is reported to have enlisted the help of the new security chief, General Aleksandr Lebed, in an attempt to return to politics (Thomas de Waal writes).

General Kozhakov went to Vladivostok to support the embattled local Governor against the new Kremlin administration. He then hinted that this could be the warm-up for an attempt to win a parliamentary seat left vacant by General Lebed, who had to quit the State Duma to serve in the Kremlin. General Lebed told CNN last week: "I will help him, if he wants me to."

Doctor's pessimism makes sense

THE pessimism of Dr Renat Akhchurin about the state of President Yeltsin's health may have angered and embarrassed the Kremlin, but it makes sound clinical sense.

As Dr Akhchurin said, there is no question about the President having had a third heart attack during the election because there is obvious evidence for it in the presidential ECG. The doctor's assessment was made only after days of careful investigations.

Dr Akhchurin will not only have had the advantage of seeing X-rays of the President's coronary arteries, but probably will have also carried out thallium scanning. In a thallium scan, the rate at which the radioactive thallium perfuses through the heart muscle demonstrates the state of the heart's blood supply and the amount of the



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heart muscle that has been replaced by scar tissue after the heart attacks. With the help of an echo cardiogram Dr Akhchurin will have been able to watch the heart at work and see how each of its chambers copes with maintaining the circulation.

The doctor has also talked about end organ damage. By that he means that the President's circulation after the three heart attacks may have been too feeble to have kept the kidneys, and possibly the liver and gastro-intestinal tract, working efficiently. Intellectual prowess can also be

diminished by oxygen lack if heart failure results in the blood being poorly oxygenated. Perhaps the most common complications for patients who have had much of their heart muscle destroyed as the result of coronary heart disease are renal failure and pulmonary congestion — "fluid on the lungs".

The best time to carry out surgery in cases of coronary arterial disease is before the first heart attack and while the muscle is undamaged. A bypass operation done a year or two ago might have interfered with Mr Yeltsin's battle

to keep political power, but now he may, by neglecting his health earlier, be too ill to enjoy the presidency. The surgeon will certainly want to wait for another month or two before operating, so as to give the heart more time to recover from the last attack.

Recent research has shown that emergency bypass surgery done at the time of, or soon after, a heart attack does not have such a good prognosis. It has been estimated that after three heart attacks the mortality rate will be about 10 per cent. However, that assumes there are no other adverse features about the case, and Mr Yeltsin's condition seems to proffer several additional problems.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFFORD

Cardiac king who must be obeyed

US SURGEON

FROM QUENTIN LETTIS
IN NEW YORK

MICHAEL DEBAKEY, the veteran heart surgeon who has travelled from Texas to Moscow to assist with the treatment of President Yeltsin, is an "icon of cardiac surgery" known for taking no nonsense from patients.

He has treated the Shah of Iran, the Duke of Windsor, Tito and some of the most single-minded moguls of American business. All have learnt to do what they were told by the mild-mannered but determined doctor.

Dr DeBakey will not take up the knife himself — at 88 he is too old for that. Instead he will attend consultations as doctors decide whether to operate on the gravely ill Mr Yeltsin.

The Russian medical team is led by Renat Akhchurin, who like Christiana Barnard, the South African heart surgery pioneer, studied under Dr DeBakey at Baylor Medical Centre, Texas. Dr Akhchurin called his mentor "the Leo Tolstoy of the medical world".

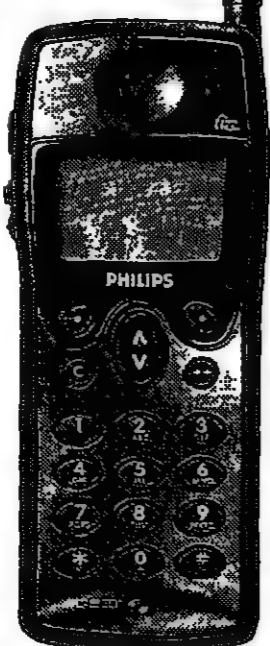
Dennis Broo of the American Medical Association, who knows Dr DeBakey well, said yesterday: "He is a legend in heart surgery and is uniquely equipped to deal with high-profile patients. There is no kidding around with someone like DeBakey." President Yeltsin is a notoriously difficult patient — he went boar hunting and duck shooting last week, despite pleas from his doctors that he rest — but in Dr DeBakey he may have met his match.

Dr DeBakey has not taken to Moscow his usual team of surgical assistants and he arrives late to the case. Mr Broo suspects that Dr DeBakey's presence could have political undertones. "If something goes wrong and Yeltsin dies, they can say that they had the best person in the world there — and an American, to boot."

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Armenia leader back

Moscow: The Armenian President, Levon Ter-Petrosian, was re-elected for another five-year term yesterday despite a strong finish by his main rival and former close ally, Vazgen Manukyan, in the Caucasian republic's first post-Soviet presidential election (Thomas de Waal writes).

Mr Manukyan, a former

Prime Minister and the united opposition candidate, fought a strong campaign and preliminary figures showed that he beat the President in the capital, Yerevan. However, Mr Ter-Petrosian, an ex-dissident whose style is authoritarian, secured about 55 per cent of the vote overall, giving him victory in the first round.

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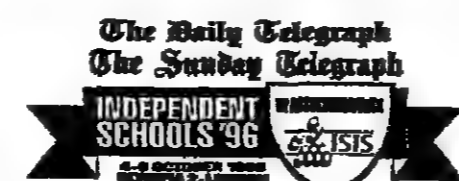
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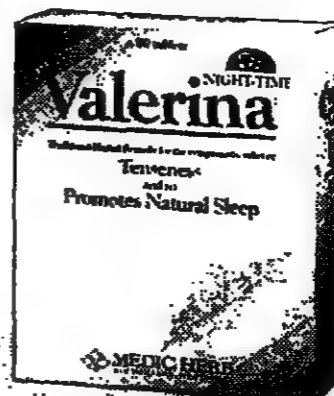
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Fifty names face £1m writs as Lloyd's gets tough



Holden: relentless pursuit of non-payers

By JON ASHWORTH

AT LEAST 50 Lloyd's names are to be pursued for more than £1 million each in a dramatic hardening of attitude by authorities at Lloyd's of London. The names, thought to include well-known personalities in the UK and North America, face total financial ruin in the clampdown, which will see bank accounts frozen and lead to the seizure of homes and assets.

The names of the personalities involved are to be disclosed early next month, when the first batch of 200 writs will be lodged at the High Court in London. Lloyd's is seeking £500 million from 1,850 names, most of whom are in the UK, America and Canada. The names are the last of the "diehards" who refused to accept the £3.2

billion settlement offer aimed at ending litigation and allowing Lloyd's to make a fresh start.

Philip Holden, head of the financial recovery department at Lloyd's, said non-payers would be pursued relentlessly. Mr Holden, seconded to Lloyd's from Dibb Lupton Broomhead, the law firm, has written to names, asking them how they propose to finance their obligations. For those who do not respond, a seven day final warning will follow on October 1. On the eighth day, the first 200 writs will be issued.

Mr Holden said non-payers had seen their debts rise dramatically because of their refusal to pay. He said: "If they had accepted the settlement offer and received the benefits of the credits to which they were entitled, the overall debt would have

been somewhere in the region of £100 million. They've actually given away £400 million of benefits by virtue of their non-acceptance. There are now in excess of 50 people who now have a bill of more than £1 million. That bill, at the most for those members, would have been £100,000 after [in addition to] their funds at Lloyd's. And that bill for £1 million is after their funds at Lloyd's anyway. So like for like, they've given away some £900,000 worth of credits."

The first test cases are due in the UK courts by Christmas. Those affected include 670 names in the UK (owing £150 million), 655 in America (owing £180 million), and 253 in Canada. The Canadian names pose the greatest potential problem for Lloyd's, owing £100 million —

an average of £395,000 each. Mr Holden said: "The Canadians are simply refusing to come to the table, and unfortunately they're going to lose, and they're going to lose their homes and their houses."

Lloyd's is seeking to become more commercial in its approach. Mr Holden said: "On an ethical basis, people who've paid expect others to be pursued. Commercially, we need to recover this money. We can't have half a billion pounds worth of debt lying out there without making sure we recover as much as possible as quickly as possible."

Michael Deeny, a prominent Lloyd's campaigner, has hit out at weekend reports that said he was in line for a £500,000 success fee. The money is to be split between at least 20 people, he said.

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STOCK MARKET	
FT-SE 100	3919.7 (-44.4)
Yield	3.97%
FT-SE All Share	1234.02 (-18.42)
Nikkei	Closed
Hong Kong	Closed
Dow Jones	5854.43 (-34.04)
S&P Composite	882.55 (-4.46)

US RATE	
Federal Funds	6 3/4% (97.74)
Long Bond	7.06% (7.04%)
Yield	

LONDON MONEY	
3-month interbank	6 3/4% (97.74)
Life long gilt	10 1/2% (107.4)
Future (Dec)	10 1/2% (107.4)

STERLING	
New York	1.8873 (1.8855)
London	
\$	1.8888 (1.8851)
DM	2.3229 (2.3229)
FF	7.5747 (7.5645)
Sfr	1.5223 (1.5222)
Yen	171.01 (170.74)
S Index	86.1

US\$ \$	
London	
DM	1.8180 (1.8185)
FF	8.1200 (8.1200)
Sfr	1.2338 (1.2330)
Yen	199.87 (199.56)
S Index	87.2

Tokyo close Yen 108.82	
Brant 15-day (Dec)	821.80 (821.50)
US\$ \$	

London close	
US\$ \$	8281.16 (8281.75)

* denotes midday trading price

Sainsbury expands US stores

J SAINSBURY, the supermarket chain, is further expanding its American operation at a cost of \$52 million (Martin Barrow writes).

Shaw's Supermarkets, Sainsbury's US subsidiary, is buying 12 stores and two sites from Royal Ahold, the Dutch company. Ahold is required to dispose of the outlets by the Federal Trade Commission following its acquisition of the Stop & Shop retail chain.

All the stores are in Connecticut, except for one in Rhode Island. Shaw's opened its first store in Connecticut in September 1995 and now has five in the state. The acquisition will make Shaw's the state's second-largest operator.

Ian Coull, Shaw's chairman, said: "We are very pleased to acquire these stores in prime locations where it would have been difficult to expand organically."

At end-March, Shaw's traded from 96 outlets in America. In the year to March Sainsbury's US operations earned profits of £51 million (£40 million) before tax.

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B Gas service network hit again

By MARTIN WALLER

SERIOUS computer and phone problems have led to another collapse in British Gas's national service network. Almost half the company's three million service-contract customers face a long wait if their central heating breaks down this autumn.

The company was criticised last winter when its service business failed to keep pace with calls from customers caught out by the bad weather, and management promised to install new computers and telecoms systems to cope with any surge in demand.

British Gas admitted yesterday tests of such systems had coincided with the first bad weather of the autumn. Delays for its customers would continue for at least another four or five weeks, it said.

The problems reached a peak at the weekend, when most of the phone calls to three of the company's seven national service centres were going unanswered. At one, just 12 per cent of calls were being accepted by engineers, British Gas admitted, and the problem was continuing last night.

Bob Frazer, operations director, said the three centres accounted for about 40 per cent of the customers holding ServiceCare contracts, which promise a swift response to breakdowns. The company is hiring extra phone operators to cope.

Ian Powe, Gas Consumers Council director, said British Gas was underestimating the extent of the problems. "The service business has collapsed. It's never been as bad as this, and we've been through some pretty bad times with British Gas," he said.

The council, engaged in a battle with Whitehall over funding, had to close its London office after being swamped with calls from angry consumers, he said. Some were contacting the company's emergency gas-leak service in desperation — blocking genuine emergency calls and putting pressure on safety standards.

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Rate fears hit markets

By GEORGE SIVELL AND RICHARD THOMSON

STOCK MARKETS across Europe and America fell sharply yesterday in anticipation of a rise in US interest rates when the Federal Open Market Committee meets today.

If the Fed acts, it would be the first American interest rate rise since the last wave of increases ended in January 1995.

The debate on either side of the Atlantic is now over whether interest rate rises would help to control any emerging inflationary pressures or spoil the prospects of further economic growth. Similarly, market watchers wonder whether the strong market performances seen this year mark the end of the bull market and whether London will continue outperforming New York (see chart).

The FT-SE 100 fell back from last week's record levels to close at 3919.7, down 44.4 on the day. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 33 points soon after opening but recovered a little to show a fall of 31 points at 5,857 in early afternoon trading. In Frankfurt, the Dax index fell 19.06 points to close at 2,627.04, and in Paris the CAC-40 index closed down 12.37 at 2,067.09.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, held their monthly meeting on monetary policy at the Treasury yesterday afternoon. The meeting lasted less than an hour but, as usual, no official indication was given of the discussions.

It is expected, however, that the Chancellor will have continued to resist calls by Mr George for higher interest rates. But market professionals will be watching the Bank of England's money market operations this morning for any signs of an interest rate move.

Government bonds also fell sharply yesterday, with the December short sterling futures contract 0.01 lower on the day at 94.05, indicating a

three-month libor and base rate of 5.95 per cent towards the end of the year, against 5.75 per cent at present.

Don Smith, economist at HSBC Markets, said: "It would be a complete surprise if there was a change in UK rates today, and the markets would react badly to a further easing."

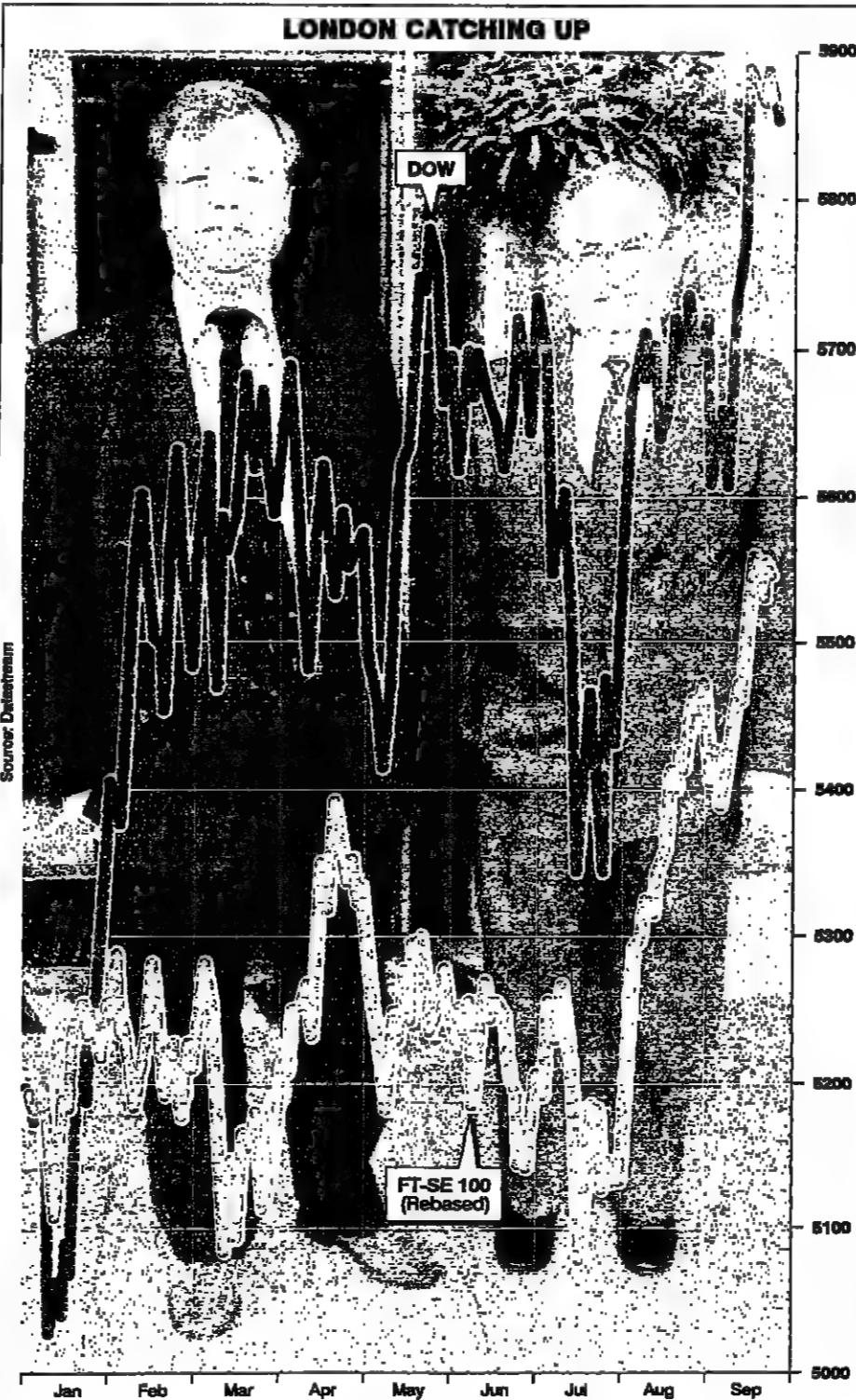
In America it has emerged that eight of the 12 regional Fed bank chairmen have called for a rate increase, and Alan Greenspan, the central bank chairman, may give in to avoid a revolt. However, the meeting looks set to be one of the most contentious for a long time, coming only two months before the Presidential election and in the face of conflicting information about the economy.

The New York stock market sees the decision as symbolic of the Fed's monetary stance for the next few months. Even a small hike in rates from 5.25 per cent to 5.5 per cent would cause dismay on Wall Street and in the White House because it would signal a monetary tightening that could bring to an end the prolonged bull market which pushed the Dow to new highs last week.

The Federal Open Market Committee meeting is already surrounded by controversy after a leak last week that the majority of regional Fed presidents want a rate rise. It is now being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. But many Wall Street analysts believe the leak was a deliberate tactic by the Fed to prepare the markets for a rate rise at such a sensitive time.

The Fed usually tries to avoid interest rate movements so close to an election for fear of influencing politics. It has only once before raised interest rates so close to an election, in 1980, when Jimmy Carter lost the presidency.

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UK faces disruption on EMU planning

By ROBERT MILLER

THE UK economy faces serious disruption if the Government fails to make a clear decision on whether it will participate in the process of European Monetary Union (EMU) after other Governments have made their choice.

A report published today by the British Bankers' Association (BBA) spells out the dangers of indecision. It says: "A UK decision to participate delayed beyond early 1998, but with a changeover still due for completion by 2002, could be highly disruptive for all sectors of the economy and expose UK financial institutions to real competitive disadvantage."

It says those most in danger from a delayed decision could be retailers and motor manufacturers, which deal with numerous payment methods for goods and services.

"British and international businesses will need Euro facilities even if the UK does not participate. Depending on the scale of such transactions from 1999 onwards, there could be significant implications for payment systems," it says.

Tim Sweeney, BBA director-general, says that whether or not the UK joins EMU should not affect the wholesale money and derivatives markets or London's position at the centre of global trading, so long as there is a clear statement of Britain's intentions.

The report, compiled in conjunction with the Association for Payment Clearing Services and London Investment Banking Association, concludes that UK financial markets will be prepared for EMU "but it is essential that they continue with thorough and timely preparation."

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Chandos goes from Chrysalis

By ERIC REGULY

THE boardroom row at Chrysalis intensified yesterday when Viscount Chandos followed Sir David Putnam's lead and resigned. His departure reduces the number of non-executive directors from three to one and puts more pressure on Chris Wright, chairman and chief executive, to relinquish some management control over the media and entertainment group.

Viscount Chandos said he resigned because he felt Mr Wright considered the non-executive directors as little more than an "imposition". In a letter to Mr Wright, he said: "I have reluctantly concluded I no longer have sufficient confidence either in the information and communication available to the non-executive directors or in your receptiveness to advice."

In particular, he cited the apparent unwillingness of Mr Wright, who owns about 43 per cent of the company, to appoint a group managing director.

Mr Wright said he had not called off the executive search and hoped to appoint a managing director or a chief operating officer soon. "It has not been easy finding the right person," he said.

Berisford slumps on warning

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

AN INDUSTRIAL dispute costing £3.5 million and weak demand in the US were yesterday blamed by Berisford, the kitchens, doors and food equipment company, for a profit warning that wiped 27 per cent off its value.

A strike which started late last month at the Magnet kitchen factory in Darlington, and during which 300 employees have been

dismissed, has halved its dispatches of kitchens. In addition Berisford reported an unexpected downturn in demand for fast-food equipment produced by Welbilt, its US operation. This, the company said, would knock a further £2.6 million from profits.

The share price slumped 40½p to 106p as Berisford predicted full-year profits to the end of this month of

around £25 million. Analysts had been tipping £33 million.

Alan Bowkett, chief executive, said kitchen dispatches would be back to normal by November.

Berisford said it expected to propose a final dividend of 3p, taking the total to 4.5p against the 3p total in 1995.

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Broadbent resigns at BWD

Christopher Broadbent yesterday resigned as chief executive of BWD Securities, the Leeds-based financial services group, in what was blamed on a difference of opinion over strategy.

Mr Broadbent, 40, had spent most of his working life with BWD Securities. Michael Burns, managing director of BWD Rensburg, its stockbroking subsidiary, has taken on the additional role of group chief executive.

Mr Burns attributed Mr Broadbent's departure to a difference of opinion on strategy, and said that there was no question of any financial wrongdoing.

Mr Burns said that he would hold dual roles for the time being.

The shares were unchanged at 105½p.

BUS INQUIRY

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission is to review the £96 million takeover by FirstBus, the UK's largest bus operator, of SB Holdings, of Glasgow, after competition fears.

Not so merry

Merrydown, the drinks company, is cutting the alcohol content of its three most popular ciders, Original, Vintage and Pulse, from 8.4 per cent to 7.5 per cent to escape a rise in duty on ciders above 7.6 per cent.

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Denmark Kr	8.07	8.07
France F	7.73	7.73
Germany DM	2.81	2.81
Italy Lira	1,936	1,936
Japan Yen	11.87	11.87
Netherlands Gld	1.18	1.18
Spain Ptas	166.10	166.10
Sweden Kr	5.32	5.32
Switzerland F	2.79	2.79
Taiwan NT\$	2.27	2.27
UK £	1.00	1.00
USA \$	1.54	1.54

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Rodger Booth, left, chairman of Bemrose Corporation, and Keith Taylor, managing director, reported a rise in interim pre-tax profits to £3.9 million, from £3.2 million. The company, owner of Letts Diaries, is paying an interim dividend of 5.35p (4.85p). Bemrose said British Airways and Royal Mail had awarded contracts.

Construction leaders seek Budget to boost jobs

By PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

CONSTRUCTION industry leaders yesterday called on Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to include in the Budget a five-point package of measures — including the creation of a Tessa, specifically for home improvements — which they claim would create more than 100,000 jobs.

Building industry leaders said that confidence in construction and throughout industry was low, leading to low investment levels, and called on the Chancellor to act to boost both.

Britain's principal business bodies publicly unveil their Budget proposals this week. Leaders of the free market Institute of Directors will today call for tight control of public spending, while the Confederation of British Industry will tomorrow press for the UK's economic gains not to be jeopardised for short-term electoral reasons.

The Construction Industry Employers' Council, drawing

together the four main construction companies' business groups, said action to help the industry would help the British economy more generally.

Martin Laing, the council's chairman, said: "Despite steady, albeit slow, growth in the economy since 1992, confidence has not yet returned to British industry, which is why investment levels are still lower than in the 1980s."

Mr Laing, chairman of John Laing Construction, added: "With construction accounting for about half the UK's total

investment, and employing nearly 1.5 million people, it is in the Government's interest to act. What's good for construction is good for Britain."

Construction companies are proposing five main measures:

□ Adapting Tessa to give homeowners tax incentives to save money for home improvements and alterations.

□ Cutting VAT for renovations and alterations to 8 per cent, which the industry says would create 60,000 jobs and increase income tax revenue for the Government.

□ Four new proposals, including encouraging more institutional investors, to "put back on track" the Government's Private Finance Initiative.

□ Scrapping proposed cuts in road maintenance.

□ A phased release of local authority capital receipts from council house sales.

Construction leaders said that these "modest" measures would "cost very little" but, taken together with continued low interest rates, could generate more than 100,000 jobs and make a "substantial improvement" to business confidence.

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Scholl unveils £29m overhaul

By ERIC REGULY

SCHOLL has announced a restructuring that will see the company sell non-core assets to concentrate on footwear and footwear brands. A £29.4 million charge is being taken to finance the overhaul, and no fewer than 200 of the company's 1,700 jobs will disappear.

Stuart Wallis, Scholl's new chairman, said that businesses ranging from personal hygiene products to cosmetics will be sold.

The disposals represent 12-15 per cent of Scholl's annual turnover of £207 million. Scholl also plans to reduce the number of European divisions from five to two. Mr Wallis said: "A very clear strategy is now in place, focusing on the

Scholl brand. It is our major strength and we shall promote it forcefully."

Scholl reported a 17 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, before exceptional items, to £13.8 million on turnover up 8.8 per cent. The interim dividend, payable on November 4, rises 7.1 per cent to 3p.

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Union to force rebel bank into line

By PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BANKING union leaders gave warning yesterday that they will take action under European law to require Lloyds TSB to introduce new European-style works council consultative provisions for its employees across Europe, including the UK.

Fiet, Europe's main white-collar trade union body, said it would press ahead with legal moves to bring the bank into line with Barclays, Midland and NatWest by establishing a European Works Council (EWC) for the bank.

Transnational companies with more than 1,000 employees in the EU, and 150 in two separate member states, had until Sunday to bring in voluntarily new works council arrangements under the terms of an EU directive which became law on that day.

Companies that do not do so face the prospect of being required to introduce an EWC if 100 employees, or their representatives, request it. It is this provision that Fiet — which has co-ordinated works councils affecting UK banks with Britain's Banking, Insurance and Finance Union — will use with Lloyds TSB if necessary.

Philip Jennings, general secretary of Fiet, said: "We have now signed 20 works council agreements with financial services companies in Europe — Lloyds TSB are out of step."

Lloyds TSB said that after consulting extensively with employees over the past year during the merger of Lloyds and the TSB, it was satisfied with its internal consultative and communication arrangements and did not think an EWC appropriate, though it accepted the company came under the terms of the directive's provisions.

The bank said that it had decided not to agree an EWC before last Sunday's deadline, but said if EWC moves were triggered under the directive's terms it would consider its position at that time.

Although the bank's stance will delay the establishment of an EWC, Lloyds TSB is unlikely to avoid one being set up eventually.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Safeway to employ Queue Busters

SAFeway, the supermarket chain, is to create the equivalent of 500 full-time jobs with the launch of a new customer care initiative dubbed Queue Busters. The part-time staff will help with the rush during the busy Christmas period and beyond. Queue Busters staff will pack bags, serve at checkouts and behind delicatessen counters, bakeries, coffee shops and kiosks. Safeway's latest £2 million scheme has been launched after successful trials in six stores in the Midlands.

Queue Busters, which will be in all stores by Christmas, forms part of a £10 million investment by the company to make shopping easier and quicker. The staff will, at quieter times, be available to answer customer queries, help parents with children or walk the store, looking for possible problems. Roger Partington, Safeway marketing director, said: "Queue Busters will really make a difference to customers by dramatically cutting the length of queues in our stores, as well as being flexible enough to 'trouble spot' around the store."

Refuge merger delay

REFUGE Assurance has set a new date for an extraordinary general meeting at which shareholders will consider its proposed £1.5 billion merger with United Friendly. Thursday's meeting will be adjourned until October 16 to extend the offer timetable. Refuge is effectively offering a sweetener to shareholders in the form of a new security after a number of institutions criticised the deal's terms. They claimed the proposed merger undervalued Refuge by up to £400 million. Documents will go to shareholders before September 30.

Britannia Group loss

BRITANNIA GROUP, the construction company, incurred a pre-tax loss of £2.1 million for the six months to June 30, compared with a £274,000 profit for the period in 1995. Latest results included a £2.16 million loss from the homes division, which was sold to Bovis Homes for £10 million during the first half. Losses were 8.3p a share (earnings of 1p). There is no interim dividend (0.5p) and the company said it was too early to say what the position regarding a final dividend would be.

British Energy stake

A CALIFORNIA fund management group has amassed a 9.7 per cent stake in British Energy, Franklin Resources, which is a subsidiary of Templeton Global Investors, yesterday declared that it now has a 7.2 million stake in the nuclear generator on behalf of a group of holders. Chase Nominees has the largest interest of the group at 8.3 per cent of company. Franklin Resources has been an active buyer in the market of a wide range of shares over the past few weeks.

Regent Inns improves

REGENT INNS, the public-house operator, reported an increase in pre-tax profits to £8 million from £4.4 million for the year to July 6. During the year the company opened 13 pubs, and traded from 57 outlets at the year-end. A further three sites are operated under contract. Turnover rose 44 per cent to £31.77 million. The company said operating margins rose to 26 per cent from 23 per cent. John Spencer, chairman, said the retailing climate had improved.

Proudfoot in the black

PROUDFOOT, the management consultant, has returned to the black, with profits of £2.52 million before tax in the six months to June 30. The company, which suffered losses of £5.79 million last time, said its £7.9 million restructuring programme was now complete and was expected to deliver annual savings of £13 million. However, Malcolm Hughes, chief executive, said the full benefits would not be felt until 1997. Earnings were 9p per share (0.2p loss). There is no interim dividend.

T&S Stores to revamp

T&S STORES, the newsagent and convenience-store group, is to spend £50 million to transform its size and format by the turn of the century. It plans to buy 200 new outlets, convert 50 Dillons newsagents into convenience stores and sell 50 of its 200 Supergrids outlets. In the 26 weeks to June 29, pre-tax profits were £8.78 million (£8.06 million) on sales of £248 million (£217 million). Earnings were 8.36p a share (8.35p). A dividend of 3.0p (2.8p) is due on November 29.

Tough times for SIG

DIFFICULT markets held back profits growth at SIG, the distributor of insulation products. A contribution of £1.5 million by WKT Group in Germany helped to lift pre-tax profits to £14.2 million from £12.1 million, but operating profits from continuing operations were just 2 per cent higher at £13 million in the six months to June 30. The interim dividend rises to 2.4p (2p). Earnings fell to 9.6p (10.2p). The company said trading conditions are unlikely to change greatly in the second half.

Hospitals group ahead

COMMUNITY Hospitals Group, the operator of hospitals and nursing homes, achieved a 24.8 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, to £10.7 million, in the year to June 30. Profits from hospital services increased by 16.3 per cent, to £12.9 million, but profits from continuing care services fell by 5 per cent, to £2.4 million. Earnings per share improved to 21.8p, from 17.9p. The total dividend rises to 10p a share, from 8.8p, with a 6.6p final payout.

Lachlan Murdoch to manage News Ltd

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE
IN SYDNEY

LACHLAN Murdoch was yesterday made managing director of News Ltd, the Australian arm of The News Corporation, which owns The Times.

He will be responsible for managing all News Ltd operations, including The Australian, interests in magazines and television, a stake in the Foxel pay television joint venture and a half stake in the Ansett Australia airline.

The elder son of Rupert Murdoch, News Corp chairman and chief executive, Lachlan Murdoch joined News Ltd in 1994 as general manager of Queensland Newspapers and later became deputy managing director of News Ltd.

The appointment will not affect the role of Ken Cowley, News Ltd chairman and chief executive, who said: "I will remain intimately in the business as executive chairman... as well as continuing to hold a range of directorships. My primary function will be to shape



Lachlan Murdoch: new post

the strategic direction of the group's businesses at a time when traditional media is confronting its greatest challenges from technological change and increased competition. Lachlan will concentrate on managing News group operations and will report to me."

Lachlan Murdoch said: "My progress through News Ltd has been made possible because of the support of Mr Cowley and the other executives of the News group."

Harvey Goldsmith's group seeks new investors

By ERIC REGULY
AND JASON NISSE

Promoter out to stage growth

HARVEY GOLDSMITH, the concert promoter behind entertainers ranging from the Three Tenors to Bruce Springsteen, is seeking outside investors to help him to expand Allied Entertainment, the entertainment and sports group that he controls with Edward Simons. It is understood that they are willing to sell control of Allied at the right price.

Mr Simons, Allied chairman, who has owned most of Allied with Mr Goldsmith, chief executive, since the mid-1980s, said that the group wants to expand in concert productions, sports franchises and film catalogues in Britain and overseas, but cannot do it alone. "We are continuously looking for ways to expand our business," he said. "One



Harvey Goldsmith is eyeing expansion overseas

way would be to bring in a new investor into the group."

Mr Goldsmith said that the sequel was a "disappointing failure", but that the original was still generating income. He declined to give details

of any talks with potential investors, saying only that many approaches had been received. It is known, however, that Allied was in negotiations this summer with Capital Media Group of London, owner of Onyx Television, the German music channel. Capital Media and Allied are no longer considering a deal.

Film catalogues and sports hold the greatest expansion potential for Allied, Mr Simons said. "The concert promotion and event business is a very mature business."

Allied formed a joint venture early this year to acquire a 200-movie film catalogue and owns the London Leopards basketball team.

Concert promotion still accounts for more than 80 per cent of Allied's annual turnover of about £25 million and some 65 per cent of net profits.

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CHANGING TIMES

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□ British Gas feels the heat from consumers □ Lloyds TSB vague on Abbey Life benefits □ BBA plea on single currency

Under pressure again

THE days are drawing in, there is a smell of woodsmoke in the air ... and British Gas's service business is in chaos again. The first cold snap of the winter, the population turns on the central heating for the first time since March, an unspecified number of the nation's boilers go on the blink — and the phone lines to the engineers are jammed again.

This was the disaster that was never, ever, going to happen again. Come the first cold spell of last autumn, British Gas's service side was a shambles. Consumers who had signed up for its expensive ServiceCare contracts, which guarantee a 24-hour call-out service in return for a steep annual fee, discovered this promise was not being kept. Instead the company was relying on weasel wording in the contracts to avoid its obligations.

British Gas's response to the initial complaints was that there was no problem, or that any problem was localised. Then after Christmas the roof fell in. The matter became a national scandal, and the man in charge of the service side, shortly before taking an unexpected early retirement, admitted that a recurrence this winter would put the whole business in jeopardy.

British Gas now admits that about 40 per cent of its contract customers might have been af-

fected over the past fortnight by computer and telecoms glitches, and these might have had to make two or three phone calls to get through.

The evidence, including that from independent bodies such as the Gas Consumers Council, suggests that the situation is far, far worse, particularly in the capital where the phones are permanently blocked. The probability is that the British Gas management are unaware how bad the situation is on the ground because no one has dared tell them. This is what happened last year, after all.

Many people have dithered since over renewing those service contracts. Some will have given the company the benefit of the doubt. If enough of these have a bad experience this winter, even more will not sign up again next year. The provision of gas service on demand to three million households, coping with the inevitable seasonal peaks, is an enormously difficult business. It is only made more difficult if disaffected consumers are gradually drifting away.

On the really big issues, those

that threaten the survival of British Gas as a whole, the omens are currently good. The North Sea take-or-pay contracts may be about to be resolved; there seems a 50-50 chance that British Gas will avoid a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission over transmission charges. The company does not need another headline-catching public relations disaster this winter. There are any number of independents setting up in the gas service business who are happy to take on the work. If British Gas cannot do the job properly, it should get out once and for all.

Knifed in the back office

A THOROUGH-GOING cynic might wonder whether the decision by Lloyds TSB not to opt for a European-style works council with which to discuss every management initiative might in some way be related to the large number of sackings that are likely to follow the snapping up of Lloyds Abbey Life. It is an easy

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assumption to make, if not an entirely fair one because Lloyds, sorry Lloyds TSB, is going to have a works council foisted on it anyway if the bulk of the workforce so choose.

Sir Brian Pitman, aka Pitman the Hitman for his views on the coming shake-out of financial services, was in guarded mood over the number of those job losses. But he was keen to play up the financial advantages, and you do not save £50 million a year by persuading a few old buffers to spend more time with their golf clubs. All concerned squashed suggestions that the Abbey Life insurance business might be sold on — one previously named buyer, a bewildered BAT Industries, said it

was not even aware the business was for sale. This, then, leaves enormous areas of overlap.

Lloyds Abbey Life has a life and pensions business that overlaps with the bank's Black Horse brand; both are in estate agencies and property services. There was much waffle yesterday about streamlining benefits through distribution and technology, but the real savings will come from the back office administration that services the brands, and that means people.

Less obvious is what will happen to those brands. Lloyds was admitting to some rationalisation as the less attractive fall by the wayside and the better ones are emphasised. The process is already under way elsewhere in financial services — look at the streamlining going on within BAT itself, and the boost being given to Threadneedle Asset Management. But Lloyds was also talking about the creation of new brands, which looks an uphill task unless you happen to be called Richard Branson and are prepared to put your name to anything. The experience of the recent past, pace Direct Line and

a few specialist insurers, was that the consumer tends to shun the new in favour of any old and barnacle-entrusted name, whatever its track record — are you listening, Prudential? This is the whole point behind such financial services mergers, putting dynamic management like that at Lloyds in charge of selling products the public trusts that may not in the past have had the stewardship they deserved.

Time to get EMU stance airborne

"POLITICIAN opens mouth" is about as eye-catching as "man bites dog" outside the silly world of Westminster, which is why the City has viewed the endless "will we, won't we" over EMU with little interest. The British Bankers' Association has now usefully summed up the view of the financial community thus: we don't care what you do, but for God's sake make your minds up. The BBA's main conclusions are fairly anodyne — London to survive as a world financial centre regardless, plenty of

preparation under way, and so on. The real concern lies in the detail. A decision that is pushed much beyond early 1998, less than two years from now, "could be highly disruptive for all sectors of the economy and expose UK financial institutions to real competitive disadvantage", the BBA concludes. In other words, we can dither for as long as our continental partners, but no longer. If Frankfurt or Paris are ready before London, London will suffer.

Panic attack

HINDSIGHT is a wonderful thing. PDM, the former Phillips & Drew and the foremost bear in the market today with a fifth of its money in cash, ahead of a feared market collapse, has made great play of its ability to call the market right in earlier crashes. "Ahead of the 1987 crash, we had significantly lower equity holdings than industry averages," the fund manager said last week in its defence. How strange, then, to see a copy of some equity research, dated October 1, 1987, "The FTA All-Share is now within a whisker of its all-time peak," it says, "and the market looks more soundly based than the last time it reached these heights." Phillips & Drew, no less, headlined the document: "Who Said Panic?"

Inchcape ready to close sale

By PAUL DURMAN

INCHCAPE, the Toyota distribution group that cut its dividend six months ago, is close to completing the sale of its testing services business.

Philip Cushing, who took over as chief executive in March, said the sale, which has been expected for some time, had been held up by the amount of detailed work made necessary by the 140 separate operating subsidiaries within the testing business.

The testing arm, which tests electronic equipment, is likely

to fetch about £380 million. It was one of Inchcape's strongest performers in the first half, lifting operating profits by 37 per cent to £15.7 million on sales up from £135.8 million to £166.6 million.

Bain Hogg, the insurance broker that is the other substantial business up for sale, is finding life more difficult. Weak insurance rates contributed to a 20 per cent fall in operating profits to £20.8 million.

Inchcape is now planning to demerge Bain Hogg by issuing shares in the broker to its shareholders and introducing the company to the stock market.

Overall, Inchcape made a pre-tax profit of £75.3 million, an improvement from £18.6 million in the first-half last year when results were depressed by £55 million of restructuring costs. The company said a better guide to its underlying performance was given by the £82.8 million of profits it made before exceptional items. This was only £500,000 down on last year.

Mr Cushing said he was pleased by the recovery Inchcape was making, but he expected more in the second half. The weakened yen should give a further boost to the group's car import and distribution business, which increased its first-half profits by two-thirds to £23.2 million. Mr Cushing is hoping to further improve profits in this, the group's largest business, through increased sales of financial services such as insurance warranties.

Trading remains tough in motor retailing both in the UK and Singapore. Operating profits fell 17 per cent to £27.9 million.

Inchcape is paying an interim dividend of 4.2p. Although this is a cut from last year's 6p, Mr Cushing said it represented a notional increase when one took account of the March cut in the final dividend.

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Alpha to get £6.8m from sale

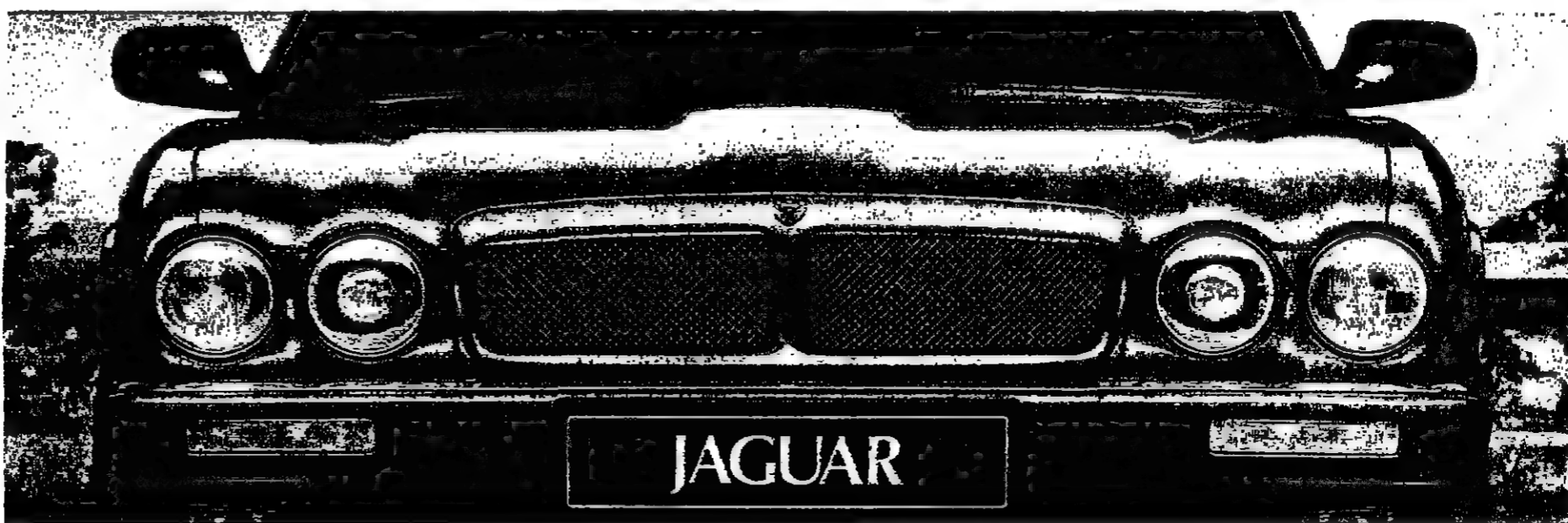
ALPHA AIRPORTS will receive £6.8 million when it sells the US arm of its flight catering business, which has been heavily loss-making since losing an important contract with British Airways last year (Paul Durman writes).

Alpha is hanging on to the recently opened catering operation at Sanford International Airport in Florida, since this is tied in with the retail concession and ground-handling service that Alpha runs there.

But the kitchens at JFK, Newark, Miami and Orlando airports are being transferred to Flying Food Group of Chicago. Flying Food will also pay Alpha the value of the inventory of the US business. Alpha will retain its net working capital of about £3.2 million.

Stuart Siddall, Alpha's finance director, said that until last autumn British Airways represented 50 per cent of the US business. Excluding Sanford, Alpha recorded losses of £3.3 million in the US last year on sales of £20.8 million.

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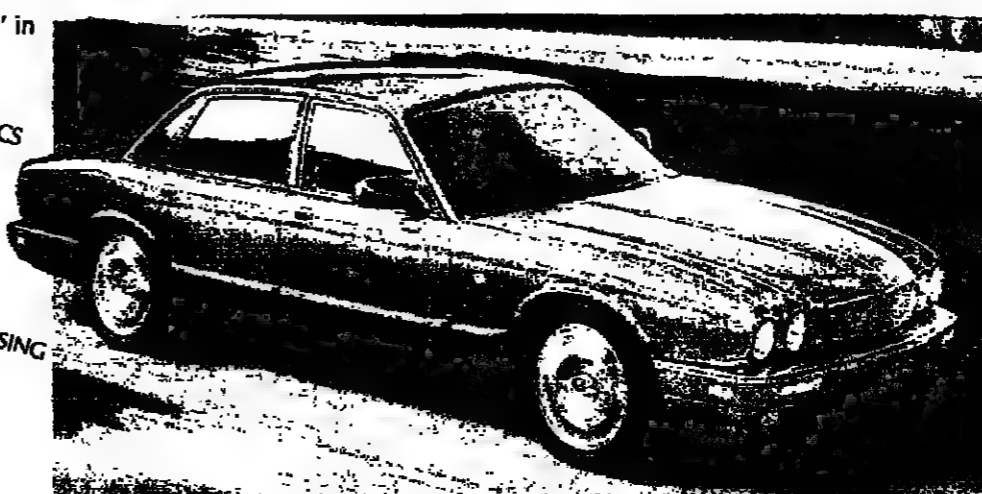
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STOCK MARKET

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Index drops 44 points on interest rate fears

THE FT-SE 100 experienced its first sharp fall in weeks as buyers were scared away by the prospect of a British interest rate rise. The index ended 44.4 points lower at 3,919.7.

Low volume figures showed that trading was almost put on hold before the monthly meeting between the Governor of the Bank of England and the Chancellor.

After lunch the market was further depressed by news from Wall Street. Fears of a rate rise there sent US share prices down sharply as investors braced themselves for today's meeting of the policy-making Federal Open Market Committee.

Banking shares were affected across the board by the anxiety in the market. Abbey National fell from 622p to 613p. Barclays fell 7p to 930p. HSBC closed 14p lower at 1203p. Lloyds TSB slipped to 372p from 378p and NatWest ended the day at 667p, down 7 1/2p.

The biggest overall losers included Belford, down 40p at 106p. FirstBus, 7p lower at 161p, and Mirror Group, which fell 8p to 214p.

Cable and Wireless was one of the few to buck the trend with a rise of 1/2p to 455p on speculation of a possible large-scale restructuring programme involving significant self-offs. The company's Mercury One-2-One unit is also reported to be planning the launch of an aggressive marketing campaign next month.

SmithKline Beecham fell 13p to 749p in spite of an announcement that the company had received approval through the new centralised European Registration procedure to market Twinklax, the first combined vaccine against hepatitis A and B. The approval applies to all 15 European Union countries. The rest of the pharmaceuticals sector was surprisingly steady compared with the market as a whole. British Biotech fell from 205p to 203p. Glaxo Wellcome rose 1p to 999p. Oxford Molecular was unchanged at 323p and Zeneca fell from 157p to 155p.

Vodafone and British Airways said they have created a strategic alliance on an Air Miles project. The agreement, which was the result of a competitive tender, gives Vodafone the exclusive right to market its cellular phones and services to BA executive club



Sir Colin Marshall, chairman, left, and Philip Cushing, chief executive, saw Incheape's shares lose ground

members and Air Miles collectors. BA closed 5 1/2p down at 540p and Vodafone went from 223p to 221 1/2p.

Carlton Communications bucked the downward trend, closing 1/2p higher at 472 1/2p after a report that Canwest will try to block a possible bid by Carlton for HTV.

RMC rose 8p to 111.35p as traders warmed to possible

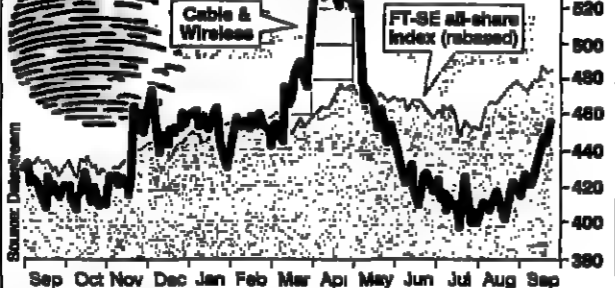
which until last week was believed to have clinched an agreed deal with Yates Brothers Wine Lodges. A spokesman for Rank said: "We do not comment on market speculation." Neither Yates nor Tom Cobleigh would comment on suggestions that Rank had pipped an offer worth 240p a share from Yates. Rank closed 1 1/2p lower at 439p. Tom

Cobleigh edged up 1 1/2p to 234p and Yates went down 1p to 363p.

Dealers reported some confusion on the price performance of British Energy party paid shares. Some dealing screens had the price up 1p while others showed a fall of 1/2p. The problem was solved by lunchtime and the shares closed at 104p, 1 1/2p lower.

Cost-cutting moves by the company. Close Brothers celebrated a 32.8 per cent increase in profits with a rise of 3p from 340p. The absence of any concrete news on disposals upset Incheape shares, 10p lower at 292 1/2p.

Rank declined to comment on whether it is lining up a £100 million-plus bid for the pub operator Tom Cobleigh.



FT-SE 100 index (rebased)

after an announcement on job cuts. British Energy said it does not expect to be in a position to outline efficiency initiatives and the impact these will have on its 6,000 strong UK workforce until its annual strategic review has been completed. Suggestions that about 2,000 jobs might be lost were dismissed as speculation.

The oil sector was depressed in spite of upgraded recommendations for Shell, 24p lower at 969p, and BP, down 10p to 634p, by Merrill Lynch analysts. Other recommendations changes included NatWest moving to a "hold" from "reduce" for Wolverson and Dudley, up 4p to 621 1/2p, and a positive view on JD Wetherspoon, unchanged at 1042 1/2p. UBS analysts are said to be buyers of BICC, down from 304 1/2p to 299p, but have turned negative on Bryant, 133p and no change.

Press comments over the weekend had some impact on the market. A recommendation to buy Celis sent shares up to 113p from 111p. Upbeat comment on profit and dividend prospects for Lasso took the share price to 206 1/2p from 202 1/2p. Pizza Express, thought to be a likely bid target, rose 26p to 472 1/2p. Bletchley rose 5 1/2p to 426 1/2p on reports that directors are pressing for acceptance of the Red offer. The nervous market was further undermined by several large companies going ex-dividend. These included RTZ off 10p at 934 1/2p, BTR 14p weaker at 268 1/2p and British Aerospace 15 1/2p down at 104 1/2p.

GLITS: Interest rate worries dominated the futures markets but gilts ended with smaller losses than first expected. Political worries ahead of the British party conference season as well as the central bank meetings had a negative effect.

The December gilt future settled 1/2p lower at 107 1/2p. The December sterling contract dropped two basis points to 94.00. The March future shed three points to 93.85, factoring in a rate rise in the first quarter of next year.

NEW YORK: Shares remained weaker in sluggish morning trading because of heightened nervousness before today's Fed policy meeting and volume thinned by the Yom Kippur holiday. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 34.04 points at 5,854.41 at midday.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 5,854.41 (-34.04)
S&P Composite 682.50 (-4.48)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average Closed

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 11,622.13 (-26.77)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 561.67 (-4.03)

Sydney:
AO 2,219.21 (-21.48)

Frankfurt:
DAX 2,627.04 (-19.08)

Singapore:
Straits 2,156.79 (-31.07)

Brussels:
General 4,672.32 (-61.65)

Paris:
CAC-40 2,067.09 (-12.37)

Zurich:
SIX Gen 7,633.50 (-11.30)

London:
FT 100 3,919.7 (-44.4)

FT-SE Mid 250 4,946.6 (-33.6)

FT-SE All-Share 19,958.8 (-20.8)

FTSE Europe 100 10,966.50 (-6.52)

FT All-Share 19,942.02 (-19.42)

FT Non Financials 23,066.09 (-21.00)

FT Fixed Interest 113.15 (same)

FT Govt Sec 93.15 (6d.14)

Bargains 4,085.4

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US (Dow Jones) 5,854.41 (-34.04)

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German Mark 2,357 (same)

Exchange Index 86.1 (same)

Bank of England official close (Mps)

LSDR 1,074.8

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Barclays Health 62 1/2

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Electronic Retail 241

FT Chile Cn Fd 258 1/2

Grosvener Land 14 1/2

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MAJOR CHANGES

RISERS:

Micro Focus 850p (+87p)

Barclays 62 1/2 (+20p)

PizzaExpress 472 1/2 (+28p)

Harley 57 1/2 (+9p)

Wolfsheim Rnk 862 1/2 (+10p)

FALLS:

Belford 106p (-40p)

Sentry Farm 170p (-35p)

SR Gen 60 1/2 (-11p)

Pat City 315p (-87p)

FW Thorpe 177 1/2 (-18p)

Wm Smith 647 1/2 (-20p)

Wm Smith 647 1/2 (-20p)

MMT Comp 515p (-15p)

Next 553p (-15p)

Rank Org 439p (-11p)

BPP 382 1/2 (-10p)

P&O 573p (-13p)

Scots 575p (-38p)

Telepac 190p (-12p)

Shire Plgms 357 1/2 (-18p)

Chiroscience 357 1/2 (-18p)

Calm Energy 381 1/2 (-14p)

BTR 288 1/2 (-10p)

Incheape 292 1/2 (-10p)

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TEMPUS

Recovery, inch by inch

INCHCAPE has made a solid start along the road to recovery. Despite problems in motor retailing, marketing and insurance broking, the group just about managed to hold underlying profits steady at £83 million in the first half. Inchcape should make further progress in the second half, when the car import and distribution business will feel the benefit of the weakened yen.

Inchcape remains a strange beast. It calls itself an international distribution business, a singularly unhelpful label to describe activities such as selling Frigles crisps in Japan. Timberland boots in the Asia-Pacific area, and photocopyers in China.

Unsurprisingly, management is trying to make sense of this sprawling empire. Some of the weaker businesses have already gone or are going, as yesterday's £20.7 million of

provisions and losses on disposal indicated. Next on the block is the highly successful Testing Services, the electronic equipment business whose sale, for an expected £380 million, has been imminent for some time. The delay is caused by tying up loose ends at 140 operating subsidiaries.

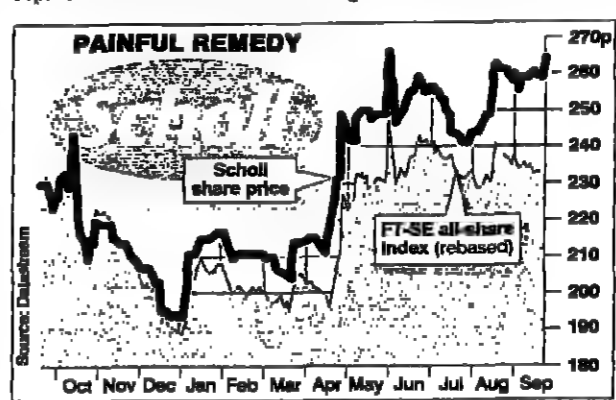
If Testing Services is any guide, Inchcape can go a great deal further in simplifying its operating and management structure. The company has already squeezed £120 million out of the working capital of its motors business, and is intent on introducing further efficiencies into its supply chain.

Analysts suggest Inchcape will make £170 million this year, or earnings of 17.4p a share. That leaves the shares, down 10p yesterday to 292 1/2p, on a multiple of nearly 17. High enough for now.

Scholl

WHEN Scholl, the foot and healthcare products group, announced a restructuring yesterday, eyes in the City glared over. The company has already gone through one overhaul recently and it was not immediately clear what this latest version would accomplish.

Indeed, it appears to have changed. In 1994, Scholl came to the wise decision that concentrating on the Scholl brand was the best way to rejuvenate the company's fortunes. Although the new restructuring, which was no doubt triggered by the arrival last year of two rebel shareholders, carries the same theme, it goes much further. A variety of non-core businesses are being shunted out the door so that Scholl can concentrate on footwear and



Scholl share price

Berisford

THE fact that a strike at a kitchen factory can in a few weeks blast a £35 million hole in the profits of Berisford raises some concern. Magnet, the company's kitchen division, has struggled to exert any power of attraction over customers. A costly industrial dispute it can certainly do without.

The confrontation that has ended in the dismissal of 300 employees at Berisford's only kitchen manufacture centre has halved the dispatch rate of its kitchens although the company is confident that normal service will be resumed by November.

More worrying for Berisford is the weak performance of Westbit, its US supplier of fast-food equipment. While few short-term hopes have been pinned on Magnet, a good deal of optimism has been riding on Westbit. The highly competitive fast-food market assured well for Berisford

which moved into the US market two years ago.

However, a downturn in demand in the US is set to knock a further £2.6 million from profits. Growth in fast food has not been as fast as anticipated. During July eating out in the US fell 5 per cent. Given that overall consumer spending rose and raises fear that it could be a long-term trend.

Analysts had been hoping that Berisford would deliver full-year profits of about £33 million. So the sharp reaction to the company's prediction of about £25 million was not a surprise. It will take good news of a fundamental nature to restore confidence.

Close Brothers

A RECORD year at Close Brothers brings the tally of consecutive rises to 21 years. The shares applauded, rising 3 1/2p to close at 343 1/2p, it is still not clear to many as to which

direction Britain's third largest publicly quoted merchant bank is headed.

The acquisition of Hill Samuel's corporate finance arm earlier this summer appears to be sound, although the newly merged team is a far cry from Hill Samuel's high flying days in the 1980s. Nevertheless there is still plenty of potential for growing the business and recouping the initial outlay in a relatively short time.

Even more promising is the continued success of Brian Winterlood's Winterlood Securities division which also had a record year. But the rest of Close Brothers' mettle could be in its stated ambition of growing the fund management business. This is already an overcrowded market-place and those now testing the waters, such as Close Brothers, may be forced to grow by acquisition rather than organic growth. Therein lies the danger and one that should not be underestimated.

COMMODITIES

ICE-LOX (London & Japan)
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Brent 15 day (Nov) 22.05 +0.20

Brent 15 day (Dec) 22.05 +0.20

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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

FT-SE 100 Dec 96 3,919.7

FT-SE 250 Dec 96 4,946.6

FT-SE All-Share Dec 96 19,958.8

Three Month Sterling Dec 96 93.85

Three Month Euro Yen Dec 96 94.00

Three Month Euro Dm Dec 96 94.00

Long Gilt Dec 96 107 1/2

Japanese Govt Bond Dec 96 121.00

German Govt Bond Dec 96 97.00

Three Month ECU Dec 96 94.00

Euro Swiss Franc Dec 96 94.00

Italian Govt Bond Dec 96 118.00

Japanese Govt Bond Dec 96 121.00

German Govt Bond Dec 96 97.00

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For the sake of the punter

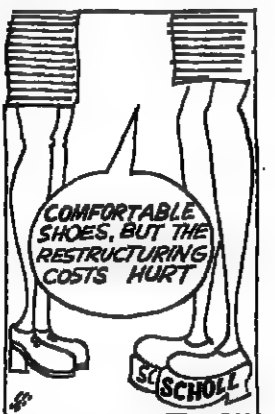
WHAT better way to launch a book than to invite a writ, and then get the title wrong.

First for attention-grabbing authors John Gapper and Nicholas Denton on publication of the latest book about the collapse of Barings Bank was the writ from heeded Aussie Ron Baker. Mr Baker is the former head of derivatives trading at the merchant bank.

Now there is the future over the book's title. *All That Glitters*. Learned readers will know, of course, that what Shakespeare and later Gray wrote was "Nor all that glitters, gold." The title was an issue of great debate, says Mr Gapper, who insists that he didn't want to alienate "your average punter".

Weighty issue

LORD THURSO, Liberal peer and chief executive of Champneys, is exercising his thoughts setting up a series of workouts geared towards toning up MPs in the wake of a general election. Having shed three stone himself since he took over a year ago, Lord Thurso has pinpointed the problems that weigh on individual parties. The Lib Dems are by far the fittest, he says, adding that he is offering them a day in the weights room to tone up their muscles. On dressing down the Tory party, Lord Thurso cites Sebastian Coe, Conservative MP for Falmouth and Camborne, as the "exception to the rule". On the subject of Labour, he says: "The trouble with champagne socialists is that they eat too much rich food."



Fighting on

FRESH from the Maxwell debacle, George Staple, head of the Serious Fraud Office, will be speaking tomorrow at the first in a series of courses on Combating Financial Crime. But all must be safe and sound in the City as 99 per cent of the audience are coming from overseas: as far away as Ghana, Portugal, the Czech Republic and Russia. Titmuss Sainer Dechert, the law firm, has given up its London offices to host the interactive workshops.

Snap decision

THE City will never see the mysterious snap or snap taken with a Polaroid camera said to belong to Peter Young, the former Morgan Grenfell European fund manager sacked earlier this month. A temporary High Court injunction issued last week preventing pictures said to be held by a woman named Sandra, and possibly certain newspapers, from being published, was yesterday made into a permanent ban.

WHAT we want to know is why Nigel Cassidy, Radio 4's business reporter on the Today programme, was so out of breath for his 8.35 slot on Monday morning? Between great gasps, Cassidy updated us on Eddie George and the FT-SE, but his racing pulse didn't go unnoticed. Sue MacGregor said: "I think he might want to listen very carefully to our next item which is all about nurses and midwives. Could she be telling us something?"

MORAG PRESTON



The Marks & Spencer store in Paris and Keith Oates, the company's deputy chairman, who insists that growth abroad is now essential

Empire spirit rekindled as retailers look further afield

Paul Durman and Sarah Cunningham
report on the race for expansion abroad

THE corners of foreign fields that are forever England are multiplying rapidly as many of the shops we know and love venture across the Channel and the Atlantic.

Marks & Spencer, J Sainsbury, Tesco and MFI are all increasing their spending on expanding their empires overseas, while Boots is also thinking about making another foray abroad. It is believed to be considering The Netherlands as a location. If and when it gets there, it will probably find Argos has already arrived: it plans to open its first store there in 1998.

British retailers opening stores abroad is not a new phenomenon. What has changed is the pace of openings, spurred on by intense competition at home and tighter planning rules for out-of-town developments introduced by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary. The near-saturation of high streets by some chains, like M&S and Next, who can barely find anywhere in the UK where they are not represented, is another factor. Their strategy in the UK is now to extend their existing stores upwards and sideways to add selling space as there are few attractive locations for new stores.

Retail empire building abroad has not always gone well for British companies. In the past 20 years a trail of hopeful British retailers has headed overseas, often to the US, only to return to these shores with their hopes dashed, a little poorer and wiser. Among these were Boots, who retreated from New Zealand and Canada, and Cecil Gee, the men's clothing retailer now owned by Moss Bros, which opened branches — briefly — in California. Sock Shop was another company to come adrift in the US where many of its inner city branches were targeted by thieves.

The current crop of hopefuls insist that they have learnt the lessons of past failures. Although Next admits its four US branches have been struggling, French Connection is very happy with the performance of its US stores which it owns 50-50 with a local businessman.

One of the most expensive US adventures was undertaken by M&S, which paid £750 million for the Brooks Brothers men's clothes chain in 1988. Although the investment has begun to turn in a reasonable profit, M&S has now changed its policy and, rather than buying foreign retailers, is expanding in Europe and the Far East.

Saturday factor in sales figures

From Mr J. G. Hooper

Sir, Monthly retail sales figures will probably be influenced by the number of Saturdays in the month in question. This year, for instance, August had five Saturdays, but in 1995 it had only four. Years 1992 and 1988, the last "boom" year, also had five.

Suppose, for example, that a retailer takes half as much again on Saturday as he does on an average weekday. With no extra sales on his part, he would expect to take an additional 6 per cent in a month with five Saturdays than in a month with four. Equally, the preceding month will have four Saturdays whereas in the previous year it had five, so his apparent sales will drop by 6 per cent.

This "Saturday factor" makes many comparisons worthless unless taken into account, and probably goes some way to explaining the apparent volatility of retail sales.

Yours faithfully,
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store by store, and under its own name. But Keith Oates, deputy chairman of M&S, insists that expanding abroad remains essential: "We can't remain in the UK and get the sort of growth we need. Also we are buying internationally, and we should be selling internationally." And on a more general level, he argues: "It is true that we are a nation of shopkeepers. We are strong in retail."

M&S is opening its first shop in Germany next month in Cologne. It now owns 88 stores abroad, and 78 franchises. In future it wants to own stores in countries where it intends to open several branches, and have franchises in smaller markets. Half of its spending on new space next year will go overseas. According to Mr Oates, markets are becoming more homogeneous: "In clothing, the world has gone down a standardised route, because of the influence of magazines and television. There is still local dress, but as a generality, colours and styles go round the world with great speed. We are finding a bestseller in Marble Arch is a bestseller in Madrid, Tokyo and Hong Kong."

Food is more problematic, which is why M&S has proportionately less of it in its foreign stores. It is also why Sainsbury's strategy has been very different to that of M&S. It owns Shaws, a New England supermarket chain, and

a large chunk of Giant Food, a chain in the Washington and Baltimore area. It is widely expected to buy the rest of Giant, which will cost around £1 billion. David Sainsbury, chairman, says the company was very aware of possible pitfalls in the US: "We were extremely cautious. The record of UK retailers in the US was very poor, which is why we bought only 20 per cent of Shaws in the first place, in 1987. But our strategy was right."

"The feeling in the Eighties was that the time would come when the UK market would become mature, so we made an early move. We still feel the best opportunities are in the US." He is also sure that UK supermarkets have something special to offer: "We are at the cutting edge of food retailing."

Tesco, Sainsbury's arch rival in the UK, has concentrated its efforts on Eastern Europe and France. It began investing in Europe in 1993, and although it recently pulled back from making a £2.5 billion offer for Docks de France, it continues to extend its European operations with moves that are more modest. In April, it paid £79 million to buy 13 stores in the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

With Global in Hungary and Savia in Poland, this gives Tesco a presence in four Eastern European countries. A

combination of Tesco's retailing skills and the increased prosperity of local consumers is delivering healthy sales growth. In its latest six monthly figures, Tesco reported a 42 per cent growth in sales at Global and a 32.5 per cent rise at Savia.

By far the largest part of Tesco's European business is Cateau in northern France. Cateau, which trades as Cedico and Cedimarche, had sales of nearly £300 million in the first half, out of a European total of £354 million. Nearly all the growth — 20 per cent in the first half — is coming from the new stores. This is in the face of stiff competition from Aldi and other discounters.

David Reid, finance director of Tesco and a director of Cateau, said: "We are trying to do in five years what's taken us 15 years with Tesco."

"We've put quite a lot of Tesco senior managers into Cateau and are still working hard on the infrastructure. We are not getting a proper return out of Cateau yet, but it was always going to take time. We are learning what it's like to implement change in a foreign country."

Tesco is very encouraged by Eastern Europe. Mr Reid says there has been an "astounding" improvement in the range of goods in the region's stores over the last few years. Sir Ian MacLaurin, chairman, said: "When we first went in there, Global was Tesco 25 years ago."

Tesco was fancied as a bidder for Docks, the French retailer, but in the end walked away. On the question of Docks, according to Sir Ian: "It would have made sense if we could have done it with a partner. As it was, we could not get shareholder value, so we moved away." Tesco is phlegmatic about raising out on Docks and confident there will be plenty of other opportunities, although analysts say that in France they are in fact thin on the ground. France has few efficient regional supermarket chains for Tesco to buy in order to build up its business there.

Although it will not say as much, Tesco must feel under some pressure to step up its efforts abroad. The risks are great, but retailers know it is equally risky to stay at home and see the competition prosper from overseas investments. The real winners in Britain's store wars will be the retailers who emerge victorious from the commercial battles fought on foreign soil.



David Sainsbury, left, and Sir Ian MacLaurin back expansion



BUSINESS LETTERS

Lloyd's solution undermines trust in the English

From Mr Robert Marich

Sir, The Lloyd's of London R & R scheme is now unconditional. Lloyd's probably feel self-satisfied that they have seemingly left behind a significant portion of their old problems — at least for the time being. But they have lost much on behalf of themselves and the English people.

Almost all the names (accepting and non-accepting) I talk to in Australia have lost complete confidence in Lloyd's. Many of these are senior people in the commercial world. The internal and external regulators of Lloyd's

have failed to recognise the fiasco, prevent the fiasco, bring the perpetrators to task and failed to make restitution except under dire legal duress. This has left most of us doubting the once-proud British political, legal and social system.

Many of us can no longer look an Englishman in the eye without feeling a complete lack of trust — and yet many of us are born of English stock.

Your readers should understand that like an alcoholic who needs to admit his problem before he can fix it, Lloyd's

represents an alcoholic in the English system which will not be cured until your political, legal and social system brings Lloyd's and certain individuals to task.

I wish the refusniks well in their future fight against Lloyd's. If they win, the cleansing effect will improve the reputation of the City of London and raise the respect of British businessmen in the world market.

Yours faithfully,
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British Gas is about to pay a king's ransom for a liability

From Mr Noel Falconer

Sir, British Gas, for the Board of which I have stood repeatedly, is about to buy a relaxation of its take-or-pay contracts with Morecambe Bay assets. Its — secret — motivation is to enable the demerger to proceed.

It is paying a king's ransom for a liability.

There is a case for demerging to separate production and retailing. Only this isn't the plan! Those key Morecambe fields, or what remains of them, are assigned to BGas Energy, the retail arm, not — as are the

other gasfields — to TransCo. More, the timing is insane. BGas is already in the throes of a massive reorganisation — £1.05 billion and 25,000 redundancies — and a further change will compound the confusion and extend it into that worst of all times, the onset of unfettered competition in 1998.

Take-or-pay cannot be corrected by leaving purchased gas underground. Assigning reserves against pre-payment does not affect current output. Gas still reaches the market, and depresses prices further. The answer is to take as much

outside gas as possible, by the absolute minimisation of in-house production — and by keeping every presently owned field in-house. And TransCo will be external to BGE!

This constitutes a deadly argument against the demerger; defusing it is the purpose of this latest panic measure. Please let me write you a feature to tell this other side.

Yours faithfully,
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Stockport.

Asda's 'new jobs' in market share

From Mr Tim Clapham

Sir, David Stone's comments (Letters, September 19) regarding Asda's "creation of 2,700 new jobs" would appear to harp back to the 1980s — when supermarket groups were taking market share from the independents.

In the 1990s it is now widely accepted that the potential for new out-of-town supermarket sites has largely diminished. David Stone rightly points out that retailers are not increasing their market share as a whole, which surely indicates that Asda's strategy is to attempt to take market share from its competitors — not the independents who are largely adopting a niche market position.

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JANET BUSH

US rate rise is nothing to fear

A small rise in American interest rates today should not be regarded as an alarming precursor to tighter money around the world, or as the end of the US Federal Reserve's brave experiment to see how fast the economy can grow and how far unemployment can fall without igniting inflation.

Since Alan Greenspan, the redoubtable Fed chairman, came to office in 1987, he has moved interest rates by a quarter point many times and proved that economic fine-tuning can be an astonishing success if done well. Mr Greenspan's well-developed common sense and his absolute commitment to achieving both healthy growth and low inflation has led to a prolonged period of sustainable growth which shows no sign of ending.

The evidence in favour of a vote in the Federal Open Market Committee in favour of higher rates today — perhaps a quarter, less likely a half — is almost overwhelming. There was the recent, apparently accurate, report from a Fed source that eight out of 12 regional Federal Reserve banks have lodged petitions for a rise in the discount rate.

There have also been surprisingly hawkish comments from the Fed's dovish wing. Janet Yellen talked of the Fed now being in the inflationary danger zone. Governor Lawrence Lindsey, who used the word experiment to describe the Fed's attempt to run the economy at lower levels of unemployment, gave two interviews two weeks ago, giving the impression that he would vote in favour of a hike in the Fed Funds rate. He said that, although the price numbers so far did not show inflation picking up, the Fed could not afford to wait because it might be too late to contain any pressures.

Raising rates at this stage is sensible. For one thing, the exercise is likely to involve low economic costs and may even have some benefits. A US rate hike is very unlikely to lead to higher interest rates elsewhere. The Japanese economy is proving too weak to warrant tighter money and the Bundesbank has made it clear that it will not be looking at rates for some time.

For the American economy, a quarter point rate hike

is too small to have much of a negative impact. Just as the quarter point cut in January was seen as insurance to keep economic momentum going, so a quarter point rise now would help to reinforce an economic deceleration which is already happening, but not to the extent that the slowdown might become too abrupt. Nor, indeed, would a quarter point rise be so unpopular as to compromise President Clinton's chances of re-election. On the plus side, a quarter point rise would reassure the financial markets, perhaps bringing down long bond yields.

Of course, it is still perfectly possible that Mr Greenspan will push the experiment a little further, not willing to act as killjoy amid a new excitement in the economics profession. The thrill of the game has heightened every time each suspected trigger point for inflation has been reached and passed without incident.

Everyone thought that the NAIRU (the non-accelerating inflation rate of unemployment) was around 6 per cent. Unemployment fell below 6 per cent: no price effect. Then 5.5 per cent was breached: again no effect.

Christopher Low of HSBC Markets reminds us that a new study presented to the Fed conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, last month suggested that NAIRU trigger points actually shift as the actual rate of unemployment changes.

In other words, the NAIRU might actually be whatever current unemployment happens to be. We are nearer than ever to recognising the NAIRU as a meaningless concept.

Unemployment has now reached 5.1 per cent and growth in average hourly earnings has reached 3.6 per cent year on year. Although this figure is still small compared with previous cycles, it was latched onto by the inflation paranoids, and this will probably be enough to persuade Mr Greenspan to raise rates.

Those of us excited by the spectacle of a central bank pursuing the holy grail of full employment might be tempted to see a quarter point rise as a loss of bottle. It should instead be welcomed as a cheap insurance policy which will allow the experiment to continue.



Greenspan: successful economic fine-tuning

On Tuesday
8th October, BT
introduce a
telephone table
everyone
will appreciate.

BUT WILL IT
HAVE LEGS?

Shares fall in slow market

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

High	Low	Company	Price	Change	Yield	P/E
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES						
226	219	Alfred Dunhill	219.00	-7.00	5.8	12.2
142	138	Alfred Dunhill	138.00	-4.00	5.8	12.2
121	118	Alfred Dunhill	118.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
115	112	Alfred Dunhill	112.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
111	108	Alfred Dunhill	108.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
107	104	Alfred Dunhill	104.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
103	100	Alfred Dunhill	100.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
99	96	Alfred Dunhill	96.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
95	92	Alfred Dunhill	92.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
91	88	Alfred Dunhill	88.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
87	84	Alfred Dunhill	84.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
83	80	Alfred Dunhill	80.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
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63	60	Alfred Dunhill	60.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
59	56	Alfred Dunhill	56.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
55	52	Alfred Dunhill	52.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
51	48	Alfred Dunhill	48.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
47	44	Alfred Dunhill	44.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
43	40	Alfred Dunhill	40.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
39	36	Alfred Dunhill	36.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
35	32	Alfred Dunhill	32.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
31	28	Alfred Dunhill	28.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
27	24	Alfred Dunhill	24.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
23	20	Alfred Dunhill	20.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
19	16	Alfred Dunhill	16.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
15	12	Alfred Dunhill	12.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
11	8	Alfred Dunhill	8.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
7	4	Alfred Dunhill	4.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
3	0	Alfred Dunhill	0.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
BANKS						
216	212	ABN-AMRO	212.00	-4.00	3.8	12.2
181	178	ABN-AMRO	178.00	-3.00	3.8	12.2
146	143	ABN-AMRO	143.00	-3.00	3.8	12.2
111	108	ABN-AMRO	108.00	-3.00	3.8	12.2
76	73	ABN-AMRO	73.00	-3.00	3.8	12.2
41	38	ABN-AMRO	38.00	-3.00	3.8	12.2
6	3	ABN-AMRO	3.00	-3.00	3.8	12.2
BREWERIES, PUBS & REST.						
99	96	Beck's	96.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
95	92	Beck's	92.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
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87	84	Beck's	84.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
83	80	Beck's	80.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
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19	16	Beck's	16.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
15	12	Beck's	12.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
11	8	Beck's	8.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
7	4	Beck's	4.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
3	0	Beck's	0.00	-3.00	5.8	12.2
DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES						
181	178	ABN-AMRO	178.00	-3.00	3.8	12.2
146	143	ABN-AMRO	143.00	-3.00	3.8	12.2
111	108	ABN-AMRO	108.00	-3.00	3.8	12.2
76	73	ABN-AMRO	73.00	-3.00	3.8	12.2
41	38	ABN-AMRO	38.00	-3.00	3.8	12.2
6	3	ABN-AMRO	3.00	-3.00	3.8	12.2
ENGINEERING, VEHICLES						
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Close Brothers sets 21-year growth record

By Robert Miller

CLOSE BROTHERS, the merchant bank, has maintained an unbroken 21-year growth record with a 33 per cent jump in annual pre-tax profits to £45.1 million.

Rod Kent, managing director of Close, which acquired Hill Samuel's corporate finance arm from Lloyds TSB earlier this summer, refused yesterday to rule out similar deals to accelerate the group's growth.

The purchase price paid to Lloyds TSB by Close Brothers, which raised a net £53.4 million in a one-for-five rights issue last October, has not been disclosed. But one bank analyst noted that the merchant bank "got a bargain".

Close Brothers' final dividend was lifted to 6.8p, payable on October 28, making a total dividend for the year ending July 31 of 10p against 8.5p last year. Earnings per share rose by 12 per cent to

24.8p. Operating income rose to £102.6 million from £74.5 million. Administrative expenses, including bonuses and profit-related payments, increased to £51.1 million against £35.7 million in the same period last year, about 50 per cent of operating income.

Winterflood Securities (Wins), the merchant bank's market-making operation which specialises in smaller company stocks, also had a record year. It accounted for 38 per cent of the group's operating profits compared with 22 per cent a year ago. Other contributors to group profits were asset finance at 45 per cent, down 1 per cent from last year, and City merchant banking, which includes investment and credit management, accounting for 20 per cent, a fall of 12 per cent.

Michael Morley, Close Brothers chairman, said: "We

believe that the organic growth and momentum of our operations are such that we continue to be confident about the future."

On a generally lacklustre day on the stock market Close Brothers bucked the trend with the shares closing at 343½p, up 3½p on the day.

Close Brothers said Hill Samuel's corporate finance division made "an excellent start" as part of the enlarged group. Close was now positioned as "a substantial force in the corporate market place."

The majority of its clients are medium-sized listed companies but it hopes to advise more larger companies.

The bank, which raised £53.4 million through a rights issue in October 1995, said it also hoped to expand its investment management division.

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Steve Ayres says the group has financial flexibility

VCI on the lookout for acquisitions

By Eric Regan

VCI, the video and audio publishing group chaired by Michael Grade, the Channel 4 chief executive, said yesterday that it is searching for acquisitions after years of organic growth.

Steve Ayres, chief executive, said that VCI will not stray from its core businesses of publishing and distributing videos, music, books and software and has considerable financial flexibility and no long-term debt. "Acquisitions are more firmly on our agenda going forward," he said.

The change in strategy came as VCI reported a 14 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £1.3 million in the half year to June 30, on turnover up by half to £37 million. On a like-for-like basis, turnover was up 10 per cent. Earnings per share were 2.5p (2.5p) and the interim dividend, payable on November 29, rises 5 per cent to 2.3p. The shares closed at 328½p, down 4p.

Mr Ayres said that Moonbeam, the new joint venture with Brit Allcroft, expects to announce shortly that it has acquired the rights to two children's animated characters which will be used across its publishing range.

Northern Electric urges cut in levy on business users

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

NORTHERN ELECTRIC has fuelled the dispute over competition charges in electricity bills, with a call for the levy on industrial users to be cut.

Other regional electricity companies are also believed to be campaigning for a review of charges for meters that enable commercial electricity customers to shop around for power.

Tony Hadfield, chief executive of Northern Electric, said in a company publication: "Northern Electric would regard it as unacceptable for there to be any further rise beyond £565 and are arguing for future costs to be spread differently to contain the charge. In particular, we wish to see the cost of communication links recovered from suppliers over a period extending beyond 1998 when suppliers would be subject to the pressure of the fully open market."

The companies, which have to itemise the charge on bills to industrial customers, are said to be lobbying the electricity pool — the wholesale market — to cut or redistribute the charge. A jump in the settlement

charges for large electricity users has caused protests this year, with J Sainsbury, the supermarket chain, refusing to pay part of its bill.

Mr Hadfield said: "We support the view that a mechanism should be sought, by the working party now established, to reduce the data collection charge, if possible, below £565."

The annual charge, for the use of meters so that industrial users can buy electricity from any supplier, jumped from £290 a meter to £565 earlier this year. Businesses with a lot of sites were annoyed that the charge contains a substantial levy for under-recovery, that is for charges set too low in past years. Sainsbury, Somerfield, the store chain, and GKN, the engineering group, have all refused to pay the under-recovery part of their bills.

The entry of some regional electricity companies into the dispute comes as many industrial customers are renegotiating contracts. The lobbying will put pressure on the pool to modify charges due to be set at the end of this year.

Premier Oil launches hostile bid

From Rachel Bridge in Sydney

PREMIER OIL, the UK oil and gas company, has launched a hostile A\$92 million (£46.9 million) takeover bid for Discovery Petroleum, the Australian oil and gas company. The bid was announced just three days after Premier acquired an interest in the West Natuna Sea block off the coast of Indonesia for A\$90 million, which lies adjacent to a block in which Discovery has an interest.

The cash offer of 70 cents a share represents a premium of 17 per cent to Discovery's pre-bid share price of 60 cents and a 35 per cent premium to its average share price, over the past three months, of 51.9 cents. The shares rose 13 cents to 73 cents yesterday.

Eric Streiberg, Discovery's chief executive, said the Premier bid undervalued the company. He added: "It is unfortunate that the Australian market does not recognise the value of its assets."

In addition to its interest in the Natuna oilfield, Discovery Petroleum's assets include an exploration interest in the Carnarvon Basin off the western coast of Australia, and exploration and production interests in the Perth Basin in Western Australia. In the year to June it made a record profit of A\$10 million before exploration write-offs, with a net profit of A\$7.6 million.

Rutland to invest £15m at port

Rutland Trust said yesterday it is to invest £15 million at Thamesport, the Isle of Grain deep-water container port in the Thames Estuary, to increase overall capacity from 275,000 to 400,000 containers a year.

The company reported profits for the six months to June 30 almost unchanged at £4.9 million (£4.88 million) before tax and exceptional items. At the pre-tax level profits were £4.9 million. Profits of £6.86 million for the previous first half included £1.98 million from the sale of land contracts.

The interim dividend is 0.4p a share (0.33p), payable from adjusted earnings of 1.71p a share (1.19p).

TransTec rises

TransTec, the engineering group, reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £4.5 million from £3.1 million in the six months to June 30. Earnings rose to 3.1p a share from 2.3p. The interim dividend rises to 0.8p (0.7p).

Aspen falls

Aspen Communications, the communications and specialist printer, is maintaining the interim dividend at 2.5p a share after reporting a fall in pre-tax profits to £1.04 million (£1.63 million) on turnover of £38.3 million (£37 million). Earnings fell to 4.5p a share from 7.6p.

DCC completes buyout of parent

From Eileen McCabe in Dublin

DCC, the Irish industrial holding company, has paid Ir£3.8 million to increase its stake in holding company Oare from 80 per cent to 100 per cent. The buyout was in line with a prior agreement with Oare's management which held the outstanding 20 per cent.

Oare is the holding company for the food firms Robert Roberts, Kelkin and Healthlife and has a 50 per cent stake in KPI, a joint venture with United Biscuits which controls the distribution and

manufacture of KP products in Ireland.

The buyout of the minority holding is the sixth carried out by DCC over the past nine months and is in keeping with its policy of consolidating its interests in its core sectors of food, energy, healthcare and computer services.

Robert Roberts manufactures and distributes snack foods, tea and ground coffee. Both Kelkin and Healthlife are involved in the supply of healthfood products and supplements.

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Are juries essential?

Kevin and Ian Maxwell at the High Court after hearing that the second trial against Kevin would be stopped

Public antipathy to the excesses of the 1980s and highly

● The author, a solicitor, joined Peters and Peters in April from the Serious Fraud Office. He visited Australia and New Zealand on a Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship last year. The views expressed are his own.

Late-night television without frontiers

Article 22 of the directive does impose duties on the member state in which the

In *Commission v. Belgium*, the court said that a state may be able to prevent abuse by a person not established in that state but whose "activity is entirely or principally directed towards its territory". But this would not apply to a broadcaster established (say) in Denmark, principally serving a Danish audience, but catering also for those in England who wish to receive the service. The regulatory authorities here would have no power to impede reception. They could merely bring (or ask the Commission to bring) proceedings against the state in which the broadcaster is established. The issue then would be whether Article 22 obliges that state to prohibit the provision of late-night pornography to consenting adults.

Directive 89/552 was intended to promote "television without frontiers". The court's recent judgments are likely substantially to extend the frontiers of late-night viewing in this country.

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Solicitors march on

One big obstacle has been the need for would-be advocates to do their "flying hours" in the magistrates' or County Courts, a completely artificial requirement for City solicitors. But last week Phillip Sycamore, the society's vice-president, met the Lord Chancellor's advisory committee on legal education and conduct, and received a "positive response" to proposals that the requirements be made more flexible.

INNS AND OUTS



Old haunts

LORD Alexander of Weodon, QC, National Westminster Bank's chairman, had a chance to visit his old haunts last week when he opened a special branch of the bank dedicated to lawyers and their financial needs in The Strand, opposite the Royal Courts of Justice.

The new Law Courts Legal Centre is designed to cater for the needs of the many barristers.

ters and solicitors who use the bank, as well as patent agents and court reporters.

● **LAWYERS**, aware of their public standing, tend not to want to flaunt their profession in public. But some have a weakness when it comes to their cars. Numbers spotted recently in the *Ins of Court* by In Brief magazine include LJ BEL, adorning an Audi quattro in New Square, and MI LUD. But who are the flamboyant owners?

Fast players

THE niche property practice Stepien Lake Gilbert & Paling chose women's polo as light relief for the dog days of summer. The City-based solicitors sponsored a team in the Jean Lassale International Women's Polo Tournament at the Ascot Park club.

Tim Lake, a partner, says: "I would want the girls on my

side in any property transaction. Speed, aggression and a desire to win seem part of being a female polo player."

Although Grace Sisters, Britain's leading women's polo team, sponsored by *Tatler*, took the trophy, the real winner was the Cancer Research Campaign, which received more than £2,000 raised by the event.

Holiday jobs

THE winning team of three law students in a new negotiation competition launched this week by the City law firm Allen & Overy will win the ultimate prize, vacation placements with the firm.

Andrew Hodge, the firm's head of education, says: "We hope to give students an insight into the art of negotiation in a way they will enjoy. We also hope to give them a glimpse of what we do."

Perhaps the winners should also test their skills by negotiating a vacation somewhere more exotic. Details: Arlene Slade, 0171-330 3000.

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LONDON & THE NORTH

A MOVE OUT OF LONDON?

The market in the major cities across the North for lawyers who have gained experience in London and now wish to relocate has never been better. As former London lawyers who have made this move, no-one is better placed than ZMB North to advise you on the options available, your marketability and prevailing salary levels, to assist with CV and interview preparation and to guide you through negotiating a job offer.

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Rapidly expanding national firm seeks a senior pensions partner to complement its well established employee and employee benefits practice. This dedicated team, based in London, advises major UK plc's, banks and financial houses on the repercussions of reorganisations, acquisitions and disposals, and will offer an excellent salary and benefits package. Above all, this represents an exciting new challenge. (Ref:8019)

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Multi national medium-sized City firm has established itself as one of the leading financial practices and is looking to recruit a 6-8 year qualified solicitor with a commercial banking background. Project experience would be an advantage but is not essential. The successful candidate will be offered a mix of general banking and projects work within an environment in which individual fair and an entrepreneurial approach is encouraged. The firm allows for rapid career progression. (Ref:7792)

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LEGAL EXECUTIVE/PARALEGAL

Medium sized City firm with strong property reputation requires legal executive/paralegal with property experience to assist with large scale housing transfer work. Candidates must be computer literate, familiar with registration procedures, charge certificates and other corresponding documents. Excellent organisational and interpersonal skills essential. For further information please contact: Carmel Murphy. (Ref:8036)

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Kalisher memorial planned

AN ANNUAL scholarship for a young barrister is to be set up in memory of Michael Kalisher, QC, one of the best-loved faces at the Criminal Bar, who died of a brain tumour last week at 55.

Anne Rafferty, QC, the chairman of the Criminal Bar Association (CBA), who worked closely with him for many years, said: "The nice thing is that I had the chance of discussing the scholarship idea with Michael before he died, and he was thrilled. It will go to a youngster who has some of the same qualities we all saw in him - acumen, intellectual standing and, above all, a sense of humour."

Details of the award have yet to be worked out. Mr Kalisher did, however, impose one condition. Ms Rafferty explains: "We used to have working CBA breakfasts at Chez Gerard (in Chancery Lane, near Lincoln's Inn), and he insisted that the judging for the scholarship should also be held over breakfast at the restaurant. The idea is that members of the Bar will contribute to raise the money for the scholarship. A Kalisher memorial lecture is also planned."

Mr Kalisher, who originally qualified as a solicitor, rose to become one of the most successful criminal advocates at the Bar, taking silk after only 14 years' call. He was CBA chairman (1991-1993) and was in line to be Bar chairman.

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Edward Fennell meets the British lawyers fighting to recover the vast riches stolen by the Nazis and secreted in Swiss banks

Just over 50 years since the defeat of the Nazis, the struggle to compensate their victims goes on. London lawyers have played a vital part in the process and the current inquiry into gold bullion held in Swiss banks has led to a surge of inquiries from possible beneficiaries.

Hans Marcus is one of the best lawyers in this field. Having escaped from Germany in 1939 and having later qualified as a lawyer in this country, he, like most of the other lawyers involved, has a deep personal connection with the history of the period. For many years, he acted for refugees seeking compensation from the former West German Government. After the reunification of Germany, there was another burst of activity arising out of the restitution of property in the former East German state.

Now, from his offices at Edmonds Bowen & Company, where he is a consultant, he says that the acknowledgment by Switzerland of the existence of the gold has offered him fresh courage. He is working with a number of new cases from British clients, and, in conjunction with Peter Taylor of Taylor, a Southampton firm with South American connections, may also act for clients in Argentina and Brazil.

Long experience has not, however,

made him particularly optimistic about the outcome. He says: "My fear is that it will take the Swiss a long time to do the research and then, because of the nature of gold, it will be difficult to determine who the original owners are."

The reason that lawyers need to become involved in these cases is that ultimately, a case based on clear evidence will need to be presented to the authorities in order to prove entitlement. In the matter of the Nazi gold, this will be easier in cases concerning specific theft of distinctive property. One client, for example is the heir to a jeweller whose shop in Cracow was plundered by the Nazis. Another jeweller in Berlin saw his stock disappear on Kristallnacht. In these kinds of cases, it may be possible to show a direct link with the deposits in the vaults.

Like others in this area, Mr Marcus has long been worried about the way in which banks in Switzerland deal with the dormant accounts of people or

organisations that transferred money there in the 1930s. "Often," he says, "the children of these people have a vague idea that money was deposited in Switzerland but do not have the details to help us to locate it."

Though the Contact Office, the office in Switzerland through which claims should be made, is being reasonably co-operative in undertaking searches, Mr Marcus says that the quickest way forward would be simply to publish information about accounts that were opened in the 1930s but have ever since remained untouched. He says: "That would be a real assistance to those who want to track down their family's holdings."

Similarly Andrew Kaufman, a partner with Fiddage Fielder, a City law firm, argues that the banks in Switzerland and in the UK should be more open about what they hold. As chairman of the Association of Jewish Refugees, he is now planning a campaign for the

association to put pressure on the UK Government. He says: "We feel rather cynical about the motives of most of the governments involved in this affair. We shall pursue it, however, as an important matter of principle."

One of the firms most active in this field is Pritchard Englefield. The firm employs German-qualified lawyers and keeps them busy most of the time on restitution and compensation cases. As Mr Rhodes points out, there is a distinct detective aspect to the work and a lot of research is required to track down what happened to money or property such a long time ago.

He adds: "Refugees and their children are very good at telling us what happened but they are often not in a position to present the evidence correctly. This needs the skills of a lawyer who speaks the language and understands the law of Germany and Austria."

Some clients have casefiles of papers, which need an explanation of what they actually are.

Sadly, the discovery of an inheritance can easily lead to a squabble between family members. Wills of people long dead are suddenly disputed and previously unknown "heirs" sometimes appear. The true owners of the Nazi gold may have a long and painful wait ahead.

Justices put fortune tellers in low spirits

Last month, Geraldine Lee of Morfe Gypsy Camp appeared before the justices of Llanelli in south Wales charged under the Fraudulent Mediums Act 1951. Whether or not she had foreseen her appearance, it is astonishing that such an offence remains on the statute book. I do not, of course, in any way seek to predict the outcome of her case.

People who, with intent to deceive, purport to act as spiritualistic mediums, or to exercise any powers of telepathy, clairvoyance or other similar powers, will be surprised to discover themselves liable to fines or up to a couple of years' imprisonment. It could, however, be worse - this Act repealed the Witchcraft Act 1735.

Witchcraft has had a chequered history. It was initially an ecclesiastical offence, becoming a felony punishable by death in the reign of Henry VIII. James I had a particular dislike of witches and the first year of his reign produced an Act against Conjurament, Witchcraft and dealing with evil and wicked spirits. The last execution of a witch in England occurred in 1704 (1722 in Scotland).

The Witchcraft Act 1735 was, curiously, a singularly liberal measure. It denied the existence of witches, accordingly, no one could be prosecuted for being one, although it remained an offence to claim powers of conjuration - for which the penalty was one year's imprisonment and a quarterly appearance in the pillory.

The Act, like all good statutes, was little used and lay dormant for more than 200 years. Its slumbers were, however, threatened (but undisturbed) by the Victorians' remarkable interest in psychic research; but all this ended in 1950. In that year, Charles Botham persuaded a widow to place £1,500 in notes on a chair with the story that the spirit of her late husband would dematerialise them and apply the money to medical charities.



A common sight at fairs, but what does the law say?

Luke Clements sees troubled times for mystics

Unfortunately, the cash materialised in his wallet and he found himself charged under the Witchcraft Act 1735. Had he not claimed to have the power of conjuration?

The revival of the Act disturbed the spiritualist movement - did not their members claim the self-same powers? Fortunately for the spiritualists, they had friends in high places, and within the year the Fraudulent Mediums Act 1951 materialised, repealing the 1735 Act in its entirety. The reason d'être of the 1951 Act is that genuine mediums exist and that it is important that the public be protected from persons such as Mr Botham who fraudulently purport to be genuine. During the passage of this Private Member's Bill, a few Honourable Members questioned this assertion. If there is fraud, they asked, why not use the Larceny Act 1916: why create an offence which depends upon the existence of an afterlife? Perhaps the most sensible comment in the debates was the view that the persons who should be prosecuted were those who risked their money, and not the persons who took it.

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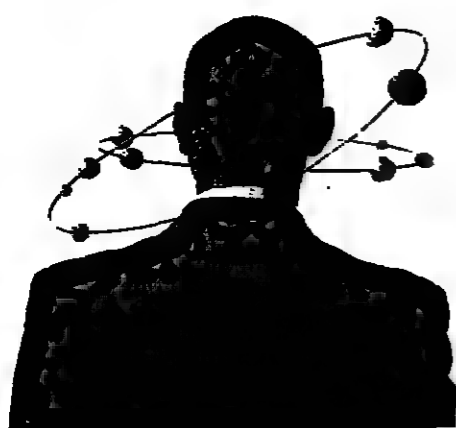
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BRITAIN INVESTING IN DEVELOPMENT



FILM 1

From *Project Grizzly*, the story of a man, a large suit, and an obsession with a big bear...



FILM 2

...and *Kissed*, the understated but definitely odd tale of a lady with a penchant for necrophilia...

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FILM 3

...to Debbie Reynolds's first major role for 25 years: the Toronto Festival offers a lively crop



THEATRE

Spartan yet inspired: Northern Stage puts on a powerful version of George Orwell's *Animal Farm*

Porkies given a new twist

THE farm is a vast stretch of soft dark mud. The stars above are naked bulbs in wire cages. The Playhouse has been stripped to its brick walls, its workings exposed, for Northern Stage's spartan yet inspired *Animal Farm*. This touring production is a fiercely physical yet subtle vision of Orwell's fable about soiled revolutionary ideals.

The actors initially trudge into this potentially fertile wasteland wearing old coats and carrying cardboard suitcases like the dispossessed of 1945 (when the book was published). They are called, evoking more recent times, "The Travellers". As one of their number starts to tell Orwell's story, they undress. In their slips and long johns they become Farmer Jones's livestock, on their knees in the mud, filthy as miners, their heavy boots now on their hands. Reflecting the complexity of Orwell's feelings about socialism, these lowly beasts rear up on hearing Old Major's dream of equality, newborn hope in their eyes but then savagely snarling.

Orwell was clearly pointing to Stalin's regime, but this allegory's significance reaches far beyond that era. David Whitaker's leader-pig Napoleon, having already hogged the luxuries, finally stands beside one of his former two-legged enemies, indistinguishable in their overcoats. One sees in a flash the end of the

Cold War (*Animal Farm* is called *Manor Farm* again). However, Alan Lyddiard's staging (adaptation by Ian Wooldridge) avoids obvious portraits of political figures. The Farm can be the Steppes, one of England's dark satanic mills, the Highlands, Africa, an urban gangland, a playground. The battle scenes are set to music that blends bagpipes, brass, tribal drumming and high energy electronic rock. The choreographed fights, a few slack moments apart, are exhilaratingly mucky with somersaulting bodies landing in the mud.

There are unforgettable images from a formidable ensemble. Maria Carrigan, her corset and stockings soaked brown, bursts into an aria. She trills in praise of Napoleon, her face smeared with manure. Arnfield's Squealer, with euphorically glazed yet suspiciously sliding eyes, is a chilling PR chief and henchman, telling huge porkies and holding dissidents under water till their hind legs stop jerking.

Whitaker's Napoleon, meanwhile, is a frighteningly weak specimen, crippled and sickly, tottering on his toes when making a rostrum appearance. Ultimately, though, he proves a horribly canny and assured survivor, hands clasped behind his back hiding his cloven trotters.

KATE BASSETT

THEATRE

Animal Farm
Newcastle
Playhouse

CINEMA: Geoff Brown rises early to watch some of the 274 movies at the Toronto Film Festival

Wrong side of the camera

Toronto's Film Festival is the only one I know that invites critics to begin their labours at 8.30am. There we were, eyes scarcely opened, watching Jean-Luc Godard's *For Ever Mozart* on the strength of an orange juice and a cinnamon and raisin bagel: clucking the references to Cornelle, Racine and such; admiring the beauty of passing scenes; but despairing of the director's descent into hollow wrangling and self-parody. Godard, the most awesome of all French New Wave survivors, was not at the screening, but he was certainly in town — playing a lot of tennis, apparently.

He could have chosen some interesting partners. Imagine Godard playing doubles with Demi Moore, or a singles match with Dustin Hoffman. Toronto loves its stars. Every day the local paper, *The Globe and Mail*, advises the best vantage points for rubbernecking. Not that critics had time for that. We were busy choosing from 274 features.

One accelerating Hollywood trend emerged clearly. Every actor with box-office muscle can ink themselves in as a film's director, no questions asked. So we were treated to first features by Matthew Broderick, Tom Hanks, Kevin Spacey, Kevin Bacon and Nick Cassavetes. Even Cher directed an episode in a film about abortion. *If These Walls Could Talk*. Results generally indicate they should not give up their day jobs.

Broderick's *Infinity* had its old-fashioned charms, though it is hard to imagine a large audience for this static drama about the early years of nuclear physicist Richard Feynman (Broderick himself). Tom Hanks came a bigger cropper directing *That Thing You Do!*, a comedy musical about a fictitious Sixties pop group. This sat on the screen like congealed porridge.

Kevin Spacey showed more promise directing *Albino Alligator*, a variation on the *Key Largo* formula. Criminals fleeing a botched robbery take refuge in M. Emmet Walsh's Last Chance Bar. Walsh is soon dead, but other interesting actors remain, such as Faye Dunaway, Matt Dillon and Gary Sinise. Spacey weaves around nicely with a tracking camera, though the lack of new kinks in an old situation finally leaves you feeling locked up in a play.

But the most persuasive actor-director in Toronto was Albert Brooks. Woody Allen's rival in self-deprecating comedy. His film *Mother* brought the house down. *Mother* bristles with innuendos, superbly delivered by Debbie Reynolds in her first major role for 25 years.

Though Toronto loves to stargaze, audiences in this celluloid heaven will still queue for films from the outer reaches. Vietnamese cinema received a special focus. And many films in the developed world were made for a small budget. Claire Denis didn't spend much on *Nenette and Boni*, an engrossing tale of footloose youth in Marseilles, while *Love and Other Catastrophes*, a campus movie from the Australian Emma-Kate



Sean Hughes, Catherine White and Pierce Turner in Trish McAdam's *Snakes and Ladders*, a gorgeous Irish portrait of friendship and music

Croghan, 24, bounced along happily on exuberance.

Britain also knows how to make films for small change. Shane Meadows spent £5,000 shooting *Smalltime*, a visually poky but hilarious look at lowly thieves who steal anything not nailed down. Meadows, all of 23, claims no formal film training, but he knows how to propel a narrative. This is a talent well worth watching.

The British Isles also fielded *Snakes and Ladders*, a vibrant, gorgeously photographed tale of friendship, sex, music and laughter, from a lively new Irish talent, Trish McAdam. McAdam's film relates the travails of two best chums, aspiring cabaret performers. Her script lacks the salt and vinegar Roddy Doyle might have sprinkled about, but the exuberant cast, headed by Pom Boyd and Gina Moxley, still make a tasty meal.

Feel-good cinema also arrived from the Czech Republic. Jan Svěrák's *Kolya* dawdled over its main plot — the relationship between a womanising musician and the five-year-old who lands on his doorstep — but it was hard not to enjoy the film's adroit direction, gentle humour, and cockeyed angle on 1989, year of the Velvet Revolution. The Prague locations were another pleasure.

Toronto, too, regularly welcomes invading film crews — not for nothing is it known in the trade as "Hollywood North". In feature after feature, the forest of downtown skyscrapers stands in for the generic American city. So a film-maker must work extra hard to make a distinctly Canadian movie. Striking out into the hinterlands helps. No

Canadian director in Toronto struck out further than Peter Lynch, who travelled into the Rockies to track a man's obsession with the grizzly bear in the fascinating *Project Grizzly*.

The man's name is Troy Hurlbut, and his obsession stems from a close encounter with *Ursus arctos horribilis* in 1984. Then, he came across the bear unprepared; now he stalks the beast inside a horre-

made suit inspired by the movie *Robocop*. Hurlbut talks up a storm before Lynch's camera, but his words pale beside the extraordinary sight of Hurlbut and suit undergoing tests.

Two other Canadian films caught the eye. David Wellington, who made his mark with *I Love a Man in Uniform*, sunk himself into Eugene O'Neill and emerged with *Long Day's Journey Into Night*, a compeli-

ling rendering of the Stratford Festival's 1994 production with William Hurt and Martha Henry. Another young talent, Lynne Stopkewich, showed her paces in *Kissed*, destined to raise eyebrows through its subject. The young heroine, beautifully played by Molly Parker, loves the order and perfection of death, and goes to work at a funeral home, where she makes gentle love to the best-looking corpses. The film becomes a haunting meditation.

Not every Toronto film pleased. We suffered through Volker Schlöndorff's *The Ogre*, a heavy Europudding about Nazi days cooked up from a novel by Michel Tournier. We gasped for breath during *The Secret Agent*, Christopher Hampton's inert adaptation of Joseph Conrad. But on the whole it was worth getting up early.

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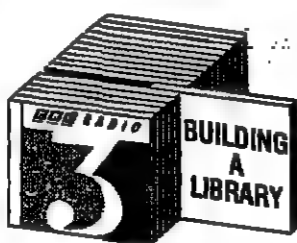
STRAUSS'S DON QUIXOTE

reviewed by Richard Osborne

RICHARD Strauss's *Don Quixote* (1896-97) is the finest of his symphonic poems — as witty, wise and humane as the novel itself. It does, however, require a formidable array of interpretative talent: a master conductor who is also a man of wit and sensibility; a top-ranking orchestra; and a quintet of instrumental soloists of whom the solo cello (*Quixote*) is *primus inter pares*.

Strauss himself recorded the work in Berlin in 1933 with Enrico Mainardi as the solo cellist and again in Munich in 1941 (now part of a 2-CD Preiser set). On this latter occasion, he allocated the solo roles to the Bavarian State Orchestra's own front-desk players. But keeping the work within the family rarely works in practice. Too often orchestral cellists lack the resources and the powers of projection that the role of *Quixote* ideally needs. Not so, however, the Vienna Philharmonic's Franz Bartolomey: a wonderful player who makes a most distinguished contribution to André Previn's fine 1990 Telarc recording.

All the great recordings of



Don Quixote are currently available, and four stand out. Beecham's 1947 recording with the young Paul Tortelier has a certain quintessential stylishness about it, despite some occasionally gingerly playing by the RPO. Fritz Reiner's 1959 RCA recording, with the great Italian cellist Antonio Janigro, is consummately played and still sounds superb. Karajan loved this work dearly and made three recordings, of which his 1965 Berlin version (DG) with Pierre Fournier is the loftiest and most eloquent. *Quixote* as *Holy Fool*, visionary and martyr.

Of all great cellists, though, Tortelier comes closest to the spirit of *Quixote*. Much as I love the Beecham, Tortelier's 1958 EMV recording (CZS 5 68736-2, 2 CD, £14.99) with Rudolf Kempe and the Berlin Philharmonic is the one to have.

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A year in the life of a Premier League club, part two: Tottenham caught in tale of two transfers

Ruddock on move after Hall strikes a deal on wheels

During that turbulent summer of 1993, Spurs defender Neil Ruddock was more vociferous than most about the perceived injustice many of the players felt over the Terry Venables sacking. His outspoken views in the media took the player into direct conflict with his chairman and, after that, there could only ever be one outcome. Ruddock's agent, Eric Hall, helped engineer the player's departure from White Hart Lane, and his story of that move gives an insight into the machinations of transfer brokering.

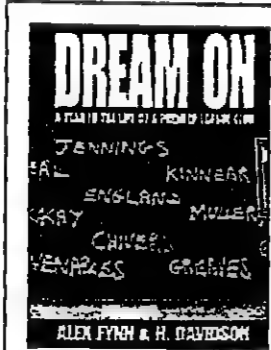
"If Terry Venables had stayed," begins Eric, "then Neil would have stayed. But he didn't like Alan Sugar. Terry Venables was negotiating a new deal for Ruddock prior to his sacking. Terry Venables knew the old show-business trick — you don't wait until your stars come knocking at your door for an improved deal, if they're doing well, you call them in and renegotiate a new deal."

But before Venables could offer Ruddock anything, the bus-up with Sugar came to a head and Venables was fired. Hall takes up the narrative:

"Neil and his father-in-law, Paul Bennett, had a meeting scheduled at Alan Sugar's house. I met them prior to that meeting, at the Swallow Hotel in Waltham Abbey, when I told them what to say and what to do."

"When they returned, they confirmed they had done what I'd asked them to, but Sugar was having none of it. They were told that Ossie [Ardiles] would see them tomorrow to convey any improved offer."

But Ossie's offer was not what Ruddock had been hoping for. The player felt let down, and put in a transfer request. Almost immediately, Sugar circulated a memo within the club intimating that Ruddock could go if he so wished. With hindsight, Sugar must regret the haste with



Extracted from *Dream On: A year in the life of a Premier League club*, by Alex Fynn and H. Davidson, published by Simon & Schuster Ltd on October 7 at £14.99.

term interests of the club. Hall agrees: "Sugar could have dug his heels in and told Ruddock the new offer was the best the club were going to make."

"He could have told the player, 'Look, it's more than you are getting now. Take it or leave it; but if you leave it, you're still here.' But Sugar apparently made a snap decision that the troublesome player could go, and that was that. 'Typical Sugar,' quips Hall, 'act in haste, repent at leisure.'"

It was just a question of the club getting the most they could from the transaction. "To be fair to Sugar," concedes Hall, "he didn't play games. He set a price, £2.5 million, and that was it. First, in first-come first-served type of thing. The first to react were Ray,

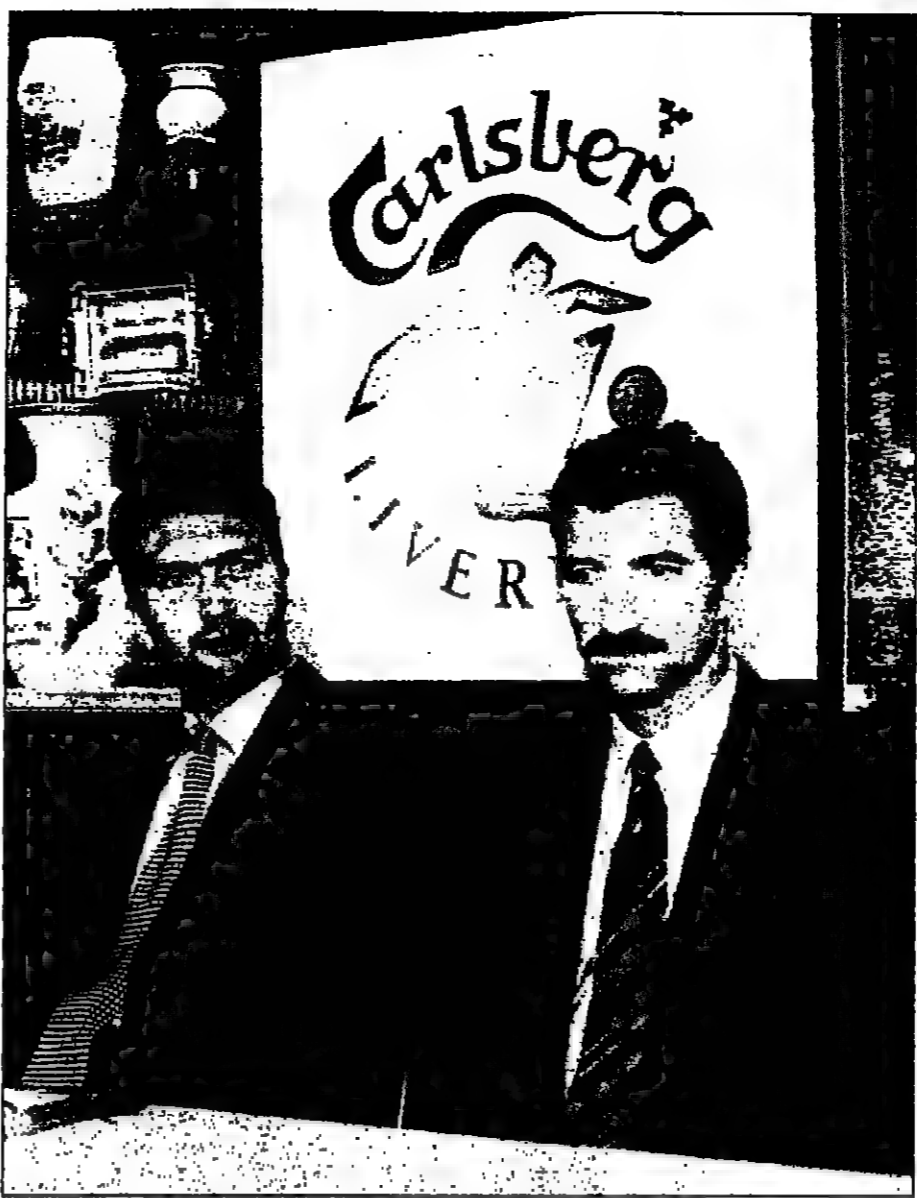
Harford and Kenny Dalglish at Blackburn.

"I know Ray and Kenny very well," I said. "Listen Ken, it's not official yet, but within an hour or so you'll be getting a call... two point five... They had their fax in within minutes. Two point five million. 'I phoned Graeme Souness, at Liverpool, but it turned out he was here in London that day on business,' Hall said. 'So I got him on his mobile and told him the news. 'Meet me at my hotel,' he said. 'Just as I was walking into Graeme's hotel my mobile goes and it was Terry McDermott from Newcastle. He said, 'Eric, have you heard the news?' I said yes. He said, 'We want to talk to him. We've faxed Spurs and they've accepted our offer. Can you come up tonight?'"

"I said yes, fine. He said to me, 'The only thing is, Blackburn have been in before us.' He had a little go at me... ish, saying he didn't know how Blackburn had got to hear so bloody quickly when they'd only had the phone call themselves two minutes ago, and yet Blackburn had made their offer 20 minutes ago."

"So anyway, I unofficially met Souness, who then rang up Peter Robinson and David Moores [chief executive and chairman, respectively] telling them he was with me at that moment, and had they heard from Tottenham yet? And if not, why not? And to get on to Tottenham right away because bids had already been accepted from Blackburn and Newcastle and so to get Liverpool's bid in right away. So, about 40 minutes later, the phone goes and it's Robinson confirming that Tottenham had now accepted Liverpool's bid."

Unbeknown to Eric at this stage, Chelsea had also had a bid accepted — all within a couple of hours of the news breaking. Unofficial protocol stipulates that interested clubs must be seen in the "order" that the bids arrive, beginning with Blackburn.



Ruddock, left, with Souness after the Tottenham defender signed for Liverpool

"Kenny Dalglish was out playing golf somewhere in Spain [it was June to be fair], and so Ray Harford flew down to London that night. We met at a hotel, where he made an offer which wasn't really acceptable. I said what we were looking for, which weren't too happy with. That was a Friday evening. On the Sunday we flew to Liverpool. Souness met us in his car and took us back to his wonderful house. When we arrive, Moores and Robinson are also there, along with Graeme's wife, Karen. They really laid it on for us. There was gefitte fish — fried and boiled — there was smoked salmon, apple strudel and smoked salmon sandwiches, there was chopped liver sandwiches. It was like a Jewish wedding. I said I hope

you haven't done all this for me, and Karen said, 'Are you joking Eric? We have done it for you, but only made it more'. Every Sunday they have that same schtick. "As we sat around the table, I listed the things we were looking for. And everything I wanted, they've said yes to! A very good basic, a very good signing on fee, a very good loyalty bonus. The usual three things which everybody has... ish. I thought, 'I've blown it here'. I mean, I went over the top, but they'd said yes to everything."

"By then, the Sunday, the transfer news had been all over the papers, and I suppose the Liverpool directors were thinking that if they didn't get the player, then Blackburn would. So they said yes to everything, except one thing. They wouldn't give Neil a club car. They said that nobody at Liverpool got a club car, but that they would definitely line up a sponsored car. I did my usual schtick, asking if they expected him to go car-less, or what?"

Scholar loses Le Tissier to a greater love

While that, asked Irving Scholar of the youngster making his debut for Southampton against Tottenham in 1986. "Some local kid," replied David Pleat, not realising that his chairman was already enamoured with the boy.

In 1991, Alan Le Tissier decided the time was right for a career move, and he signed for Spurs. Contracts were lodged with a solicitor in London's West End and the transfer fee would be set by a tribunal, as Le Tissier was out of contract. The deal represented a coup for Scholar, who was somewhat beleaguered over Tottenham's grave financial predicament. Come the run-up to the new season, the Spurs chairman would be able to announce that his club had captured one of English football's brightest prospects.

As often is the case at Tottenham, things did not work out quite as planned. By the summer, neither Scholar nor Le Tissier was at White Hart Lane. The chairman had bowed to public pressure and sold his shares to Alan Sugar. The player had bowed to pressure from the soon-to-be Mrs Le Tissier, who had made it perfectly clear — "We're going nowhere" — that a move to London was out of the question for the childhood sweethearts. With the Le Tissier transfer low on the list of Scholar's priorities as his position at Tottenham hung by a thread, he respected the player's predicament, annulled the agreement and was denied his swansong.

In 1996, that archived contract was in danger of being dusted down as Gerry Francis made several unsuccessful approaches to lure Le Tissier to White Hart Lane. As Southampton flirted with relegation, they knew that a tumble out of the Premiership would surely see their most prized asset exercise a contractual clause and seek a move that would keep him in the top flight. Encouragingly, Le Tissier had told Francis that Tottenham was "my kind

of club" and that, if he was going to move, then Tottenham would be top of his candidate list. Perversely, he apparently told Chelsea vice-chairman, Matthew Harding, that he would love to play under his boyhood idol, Glenn Hoddle [then the Chelsea manager]. In fact, Le Tissier was going nowhere until his own club's fate was decided.

Under Hoddle, it was easy to picture how Le Tissier's capricious skills would be indulged. But under Francis? It was hard to imagine the



Le Tissier: signed contract

Spurs manager accommodating Le Tissier by compromising principles that had already seen off a world class "slacker" like Gica Popescu, who was now drawing rave reviews for Barcelona. Just where would the player fit in? Would he complement Anderton in midfield? Or was Le Tissier to be an expensive insurance policy against Anderton failing to recover from his long-term injury? Or was there a sinister, long-term plan to sell Anderton once a ready-made replacement had been bedded in?

TOMORROW

The benefits and pitfalls of a successful youth policy

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

I have always liked the type of book in which you follow an expert's train of thought as a hand develops. *Play Bridge with Brian Senior* (Batsford, £8.99) is an excellent addition to the genre (though the editing is sloppy). This is a deal from the book.

Dealer West East-West game

♠ A 10 4 2	♥ 7 6	♦ A K Q 10 4 2	♣ 7 2
♥ K J 8 4	♠ W. E	♠ 10 8 5 3 2	♥ 10 8 5 3 2
♠ A J 7 3	♠ S	♠ 10 8 5 3 2	♥ 10 8 5 3 2
♠ J 10	♠ S	♠ 10 8 5 3 2	♥ 10 8 5 3 2
♠ 10	♠ S	♠ 10 8 5 3 2	♥ 10 8 5 3 2
♠ 7 6 5 3	♠ S	♠ 10 8 5 3 2	♥ 10 8 5 3 2

W	N	E	S
1H	Pass	3H	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Contract: Six Spades Doubled, by South. Lead: Eight of clubs

East's double of Six Spades is "Lightner", asking for an unusual lead and therefore indicating a club void. Senior discusses whether South should switch to nNT, but concludes that, without a diamond stopper, the cost in 6NT doubled might be too much.

When dummy goes down after the inevitable club lead, Senior sees he has done the wrong thing. Dummy's king of diamonds means the defence can't run the suit, and there are twelve tricks in 6NT. Is there anything he can do to retrieve the situation?

Most players would play a top club from dummy at trick one. Senior points out this is unnecessary, as East is bound to be ruffing. So Senior played low from dummy and played the seven from hand after

East's ruff. Now East had to decide which red suit to play back. As it appeared from the play to the first trick that South had the Jack of clubs, East interpreted West's eight as his highest club, requesting a heart return. So East played a heart and South's diamonds later went away on the clubs.

Senior points out that West was greedy — he should lead the ace of diamonds, then switch to clubs. But playing low on the club is a remarkably fresh idea. *Play These Hands with Brian Senior* is available from Chess & Bridge Ltd, 0171-388 2404 or IPBM Mail Order, 0115-942 2615.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HOBSON-JOBSON
a. Higgledy-piggledy
b. The Muharram
c. Nepotism

MORELLIAN
a. Pertaining to mushrooms
b. Art criticism
c. Escarment of a glacier

INKYO
a. A printer
b. A blackbird
c. Resignation
MACHEER
a. A saddle flap
b. Gin
c. A cheering mother

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KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Chess in China

As part of my continuing series to coincide with the Mystery of Ancient China exhibition at the British Museum, sponsored by The Times, I report today on the second Tan Chin Nian all-play-all tournament held in Peking during August. There has been a consistent policy of improving the standard of Western chess in China (as opposed to their own version of chess, Xiang Qi), and this has borne fruit in the capture of the women's world title by Xie Jun and by the excellent showing so far of both the Chinese men's and women's teams in the Olympiad in Erevan.

Full scores in the Peking International were as follows: Zhang Zhong 6½/9½; Liang Jirong 5½; Edward Guifed 5½; Igor Stohl 5½; Xu Jun and Peng Xiaomin 4½; Suat Azilic, Wang Zili and Li Wenliang 3½; Tony Miles 2½. Here is one of the more blood-thirsty games from the contest.

Miles adopts an eccentric opening, in which both of his knights are developed at the edge, but Guifed punishes him with a massive breakthrough in the centre, before his pieces converge devastatingly on the black king.

White: Edward Guifed

Black: Tony Miles

Peking, August 1996

Caro-Kann Defence

1 e4	c6
2 d4	g6
3 Nf3	g6
4 e5	g6
5 Nc3	g6
6 Be2	g6
7 d5	g6
8 d6	g6
9 Bf4	g6
10 Qd2	g6
11 exf5	g6
12 Rxd1	g6
13 dxe6	g6
14 Bc3	g6
15 Rf1	g6
16 Kf5	g6
17 Bc3	g6

18 Bxf5	g6
19 Bxf7	g6
20 Bx7	g6
21 Bx7	g6
22 Ng5+	g6
23 Bxg5	g6
24 Qc2	g6
25 Be7	g6
26 Rcd3	g6
27 b3	g6
28 Rf3	g6
29 Re5	g6
30 Rcc3	g6
31 Qd2	g6
32 b4	g6
33 Qe2	g6
34 Qxb5	g6
35 Rg3+	g6



Diagram of final position

Black resigns

Veteran's defeat

Vassily Smyslov, the former world champion, 75, lost 5-1 in a match against Etienne Bacrot, the top French junior.

Erevan Olympiad

There has been a free day in the Erevan Olympiad. Reports will resume tomorrow.

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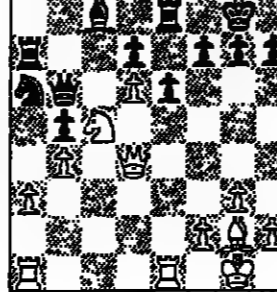
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Staunton — Amateuer, Scotland 1852. Black is cramped but solid. How does White destroy Black's defences?



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Mysterious affair of a suspicious journalist

We have had the Journalist As Hero so many times on television that it's a shock when a programme like last night's *Cutting Edge* comes along (Channel 4) to give us Journalist as Sad B... "Get a life," I kept telling Tom Tanner, the writer at the centre of this film. Good grief, he seemed to spend all his waking hours investigating a little old lady in Hampstead who occasionally benefited from his hastily changed will. "You should get out more," I advised. "There are fine theatres and cinemas in Hampstead, also many restaurants." But he sat grimly in his home, tapping the keyboard of his Powerbook and leafing through cuttings under a pool of lamplight, as if in pursuit of a Nazi war criminal who had so far eluded justice.

This little old lady — Sybil Dreda-Cohen — had produced a scrappy

handwritten will after the death of one Walter Joslin, and copied all his dross. Joslin's neighbours and sole surviving relative smelt a rat ("uncharacteristic," they said), yet it was quite apparent that the will was not forged, or anything so sinister — Joslin had signed it in an art shop, with two witnesses, and had signed a similar version in Watlington's. Had she exerted "undue influence," then? Well, she sounded like the sort of woman who exerts undue influence in a Post Office queue — pushy, manipulative, glib, and there is no law against it, or we wouldn't have a House of Commons.

However, Tanner (that sad man) evidently felt it his duty to expose the woman on television, which is apparently his democratic right. He retraced her career, finding her

beneficiary for attempted beneficiaries of other men's wills, and choosing her palsies with appreciable wit. When she targeted the

writer L.P. Hartley, for example, he had just published a novel called *The Will and the Way*. She also approached Bodkin Adams, the infamous doctor convicted of murdering a patient for the money. I imagine her work engraved in the tribulations of Dr Richard Locke in *The Archers* — suspected of interested negligence in the case of "Old Mrs Barraclough" — the Bodkin Adams of Boreshire. It would seem to be right up her street.

I suppose we should all be warned, that's all. Look out for a small, plausible woman in a headscarf who will talk you into writing a new will. When you offer her a biscuit, she will put the whole packet in her handbag, to she's easy to spot. Perhaps, Tanner wanted to hint at worse, and wasn't allowed to. I don't know. But as it stood, his interest really did seem unhealthy and unjustified.



Lynne Truss

And his findings too feeble for an hour of prime-time telly. On BBC2, *People's Century* reached 1948 and postwar boom — the first and only optimistic period in the whole hundred years, so no wonder it was enjoyable. Italians did it, brought washing-machines, Germans made cars, and Americans gave us the money, under the Marshall Plan. "Mummy," piped a schoolboy in a public informa-

tion film, "do you think this American aid is a good thing?" (Schoolboys were so different in those days.) Gratefully, Mummy set down her shopping, and snapped, "I've no idea. You'd better ask your father. I've got far too much else to do."

This was an excellent instalment — a black-and-white self-advertisements and factory floors, with the American footage in grainy colour to underline the difference in lifestyles. As always, however, it was possible to be distracted by the discreet soundtrack added to the footage — an artifice which always draws attention to itself, in my opinion. A Neapolitan woman scrambling in a bomb site tosses aside a piece of timber. "Dink," it goes. Well, how many other noises did they try before settling for that one? "Plunk" and "Plank," must surely have made it to the last three. And do they have different station hubbub noises for different

nationalities? There's a hiss of steam, a murmur, a cycle bell. But surely the Italians make a different rharb noise from the English — even if the final effect is of a crowd heard through a tank of water?

The clever trick of *People's Century* is to track down ordinary people who participated in big news events. The Marshall Plan gave a tractor to a French farmer — 50 years later, his son remembers the difference it made. A huge milling machine from Chicago arrives in Turin, its trundling juggernaut progress watched by thousands — we interview the man on the spot. And meanwhile the blokes in the soundproofed room with the tray of gravel and clip-dop coconuts continue to have a high old time.

In his second series, *Game On* (BBC2) has turned thematic, but to good effect. Writers Andrew Davies and Bernadette Davis have

rewarded virginal Martin (Matthew Cottle) with a lusty Irish girlfriend; and exposed Mandy (Samantha Janus) and Matthew (Neil Stuke) to their worst sexual nightmares: respectively celibacy and homoeroticism. When I requested a tape of *Game On* from the BBC, they warned me not to expect "the usual Andrew Davies" — meaning *Midwinter* and *Lovejoy*, from which all references to "shagging" and "sad b...s" were tastefully excised. Being entirely centred on sex, *Game On* can be that rare thing: a perfect sitcom. If the action rarely leaves the flat, blame dramatic choice, not cheap production. The characters are great; their situations heightened, but still recognisable. Mandy brings her Italian tutor home, and panics. "You don't have to sleep with him," advises Matthew. She screws up her face. "But he's in the flat now," she whines.

CHOICE

Byker Grove (BBC1, 5.00pm)

When youth programming is good it can easily blur the boundaries of age. *Grange Hill* was one such series. *Byker Grove* is another. Back for an eighth run, the Newcastle youth club opens its doors to local issues such as teenage marriage, racial violence and juvenile offenders. In the first episode, the relationship between Gary and Angel is one of the main storylines. He wants to get married as soon as possible. Angel is not so sure. Worked into the plot is a warning about the dangers of taking rides from strangers, however innocent they may seem. But it is not all finger-wagging stuff. There is a poke at some children's game shows in a spoof called *Ritual Humiliation*, which dishes out just that. If only some of the adult soaps were this inventive.

Holiday (BBC1, 7.00pm)

Summer might well just be over but we are not safe from the holiday programme. Having spent the last few days in the Dorset or a trip to Disneyland, it is the job of Jill Dando and company to tell us where we could have had a much better time for much less if only we had gone somewhere else. Coming up in the series is Cliff "Hestichiff" Richard trekking round the Yorkshire Moors (poor Cliff) — if he was in a rerun of *Summer Holiday* they would have sent him somewhere sunny — while Martin Clunes behaves himself in San Francisco and Hawaii. In the first programme, Jill Dando goes to exotic Bali. Kirsty Young gets covered in sand, mud and water in the thermal island of Iceland, and there is a new item about continental holidays for under £100.

Timewatch (BBC2, 9.00pm)

In the colourful words of local historian Steve Hites, when gold was discovered in the Klondike in 1896, it was "lying like cheese on a sandwich." News spread "like a prairie fire on a hot day in Kansas," but what the thousands lured by gold fever did not know was that all the worthwhile claims were gone a whole year before the news had even got out. *Timewatch* traces the stories of those who hoped to find gold and those who made it — first by exploiting the prospectors and then via the tourist trade. Desperate Dan McGraw and other fictional characters have nothing on the real-life exploits of those who made Dawson City a legend. Truth is infinitely stranger than fiction in the enthusiastic hands of Hites. This is a seething, lively and sometimes incredible tale brought to life by the stories the old folk can tell.

Witness: Love Child (Channel 4, 9.00pm)

The Swinging Sixties were supposed to be a time of free love and free sex. Of course, it was no such thing. Sex outside marriage was still considered a mortal sin and getting pregnant meant banishment from society. These girls were sent to mother-and-baby homes run by the Church where job babies were rehabilitated and set them back on the correct road to morality. Three women who got pregnant during the Sixties recount their awful experiences in camera with the aid of archive footage. Denied access to contraception or sex education, these women found out the hard way how babies were made. The Church-run homes were little better than prisons with routine labours meted out to the girls and a lock-in every evening. The final atonement of their sins was the relinquishment of their child. And this was just 30 years ago.



Smugglers Kate and Mark (9.00pm)

9.00 Soldier, Soldier. Believing they can't have children, Corporal Mark Hobbs and his wife Kate attempt to smuggle a baby out of Poland. Starring Ian Curtis and Kate Ashfield (Teletext) (a) (5027)

10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (68811)

10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (68811)

10.40 The Visit: Daddy Ray. The story of Ray Barnett, who rescues children from the slaughter and starvation of civil war in East Africa (Teletext) (a) (740724)

11.40 European Soccer Special (678311)

12.30 Nationwide Football League Extra (1341503)

1.20 Film: The Libertines (1987) starring Robert Carradine, Larry B Scott and Cynthia Dale. Real-life drama about a plantation owner who befriends a runaway slave and becomes involved in with Laila Coffin and the Underground Railroad (Teletext) (a) (5027)

3.05 Late & Loud (a) (4557941) 4.05 The Chart Show (a) (a) (450564) 5.00 Special Report (a) (a) (4019)

5.30 ITN Morning News (55800)

5.00pm GMTV (6726327)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (Teletext) (a) (510416) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (341521) 10.00 The Time ... the Place (a) (68366) 10.30 This Morning (4291078) 10.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (7874930) 12.30 News (Teletext) (2988059)

12.55 Shortland Street (a) (2963786) 1.25 High Road (Teletext) (701322) 2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (a) (9757182) 2.25 Cuisine (Teletext) (9756589) 2.50 Vanessa (Teletext) (a) (7895385)

3.20 News (Teletext) (7891366)

3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7690637)

3.30 Potamus Park (6878569) 3.40 Widdow (4006705) 3.50 Hot Rod Dogs (a) (6849057) 4.05 Garfield and Friends (2663144) 4.15 Hey Arnold! (7294415) 4.40 The Ward (Teletext) (a) (6296298)

5.10 What's My Line? (2427732)

5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (692705)

6.00 Home and Away (a) (Teletext) (a) (472927)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (633415)

7.00 Emmerdale. Dave gets into trouble at the hospital (Teletext) (a) (6183)

7.30 West Watch. David Bellamy and Nick Baker explain how the Forest of Dean has evolved since medieval times (a) (415)

8.00 The Bill. Garfield and Della have to pick up the pieces after a family is torn apart by the mother's suicide (Teletext) (7811)

8.30 My Good Friend. Brian dreams he has slept with Eli and is convinced he has been unfaithful. With George Cole (Teletext) (a) (3618)

8.50 HTV West except:

12.55 Emmerdale (2963786)

1.25-1.55 Cuisine (6882098)

1.55 Home and Away (9524417)

2.25 Vanessa (9758858)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1427637)

5.10-6.40 Home and Away (2427732)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (78144)

7.30-8.00 Treasures (415)

11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (873811)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

12.55 Home and Away (2963786)

1.25 Cuisine (6882098)

1.55 A Country Practice (3222637)

2.25 Vanessa (9758858)

2.55-3.20 Cat Crazy (7895386)

5.10-6.40 Shortland Street (2427732)

6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (933415)

7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (415)

10.40-11.40 Central Sports Special (740724)

12.40pm Film: In the Aftermath (731709)

2.00 Late & Loud (6826583)

2.55 UB40 — Live in the New South Africa (1707372)

3.50 Nationwide Football League Extra (1988274)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

12.55 Cuisine (2963786)

1.25 Home and Away (9524417)

1.55 Shortland Street (3222637)

2.25 Vanessa (9758858)

2.55-3.20 Hope and Gloria (7895386)

5.10 Home and Away (2427732)

6.00 Meridian Tonight (278)

6.30-7.00 What's My Line? (231)

7.30-8.00 Meridian Focus (415)

11.15 The Meridian Match (488960)

11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (873811)

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Starts: 6.30 Chicken Minute (42328) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (54177) 8.00 Bless This House (43960) 9.30 VeggieTrop: Eureka! (8307231) 9.45 Hanna Cygnus: Pops! Enwog (5302768) 10.00 Uddo (340540) 10.25 Level (400328) 10.45 Caradean (5442415) 11.00 The New Living Body (533913) 11.20 Stage One (5382144) 11.37 Lost Animals (8124182) 11.45 First Edition (3938521) 12.00 Little River Journeys (83724) 12.30pm Backstage (43960) 1.00 Sport Meltdown: ABC a Tie Toe (73786) 1.30 Flight of the Rhino (83279) 2.30 Conference Report — Liberal Democrats Leaders Speech (59705) 4.00 Fifteen to One (144) 4.30 Little Killers: Cats (328) 5.00 Pumps: Uned 5 (6568) 5.30 Countdown (908) 6.00 Hero (450705) 6.35 Jacpot (605144) 6.50 The Great TV Crawl (725737) 7.25 Triforce Testu (403322) 8.00 Story Faw (5453) 8.30 Newydd (4960) 9.00 Cool Claw Hanes (5298) 9.30 Citizen Arrest (71231) 10.00 Brookside (215453) 10.35 Ellen (561453) 11.05 Film: Backfield in Motion (1991) (198598) 11.35 Inside Out: One More Push (5436309) 1.20 Divided

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7.00 The Big Breakfast (54177)

9.00 Bless This House (43960)

9.30 Schools: Eureka 9.45 Stop Look Listen 10.00 Fourways Farm 10.10 TVM 10.15 How We Used to Live 10.45 Caradean 11.00 The New Living Body 11.20 Stage One 11.37 Lost Animals 11.42 Poverty Answering Bell 11.45 First Edition (3938231)

12.00 Little River Journeys. The Tamar (83724) 12.30pm Backstage (91055) 1.00 Sesame Street (a) (89250) 2.00 The Living Sea (369)

2.30 Conference Report: The Leader's Speech. Paddy Ashdown, MP, addresses the Liberal Democrats' annual conference (59705)

4.00 Fifteen to One (144) 4.30 Countdown (829) 5.00 Riddler (2684279)

5.45 Travelog Trek: Budapest (268882)

6.00 The Avengers (78788)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (4057)

8.00 Citizen's Arrest. Vicky Parker's life has been ruined by an experimental cervical cancer treatment (26) (5453)

8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (a) (4960)

12.00-1.00 The Shooting Gallery: Loops for Words. A hit-hiker reports the hospitality of a family who gave him shelter after a lift by taking care of their sick and aged dog (58941)

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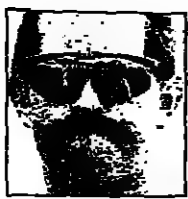
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Peace moves give Carling a route back

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT, AND MARK SOUSTER

WILL CARLING was restored to the England rugby union training squad yesterday after a weekend that suggested some faint signs of sanity returning to the sport. English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) has given the training session at Bisham Abbey tomorrow its blessing and, moreover, it has been represented at a meeting with the traditional governors of rugby to plot a united way forward into Europe.

The return of Carling, and his long-term partner in the England midfield, Jeremy Guscott, had been widely predicted after their omission from the July training squad and the group that would have gathered at Bisham earlier this month but for the intervention of Epruc, which kept all the selected players away. It will, nonetheless, be a relief for the man who stepped down as England captain last March after a world-record 59 appearances in that role.

At the age of 30, he is not ready to give up international rugby just yet, and has set about proving it with Harlequins this season. "I'm very pleased to be back in the squad," he said. "I have trained hard, both before the start of the season and this month, and I believe I have generally played well in the games so far. I am enjoying my rugby and I will be looking forward to attending the squad training as much as when I was still uncapped."

If Carling's form, as a centre

and, unexpectedly, as a goalkicker, has been good, Guscott's has been even better. He has recovered the zip that some believed had been permanently lost after his absence through injury from the 1993-94 season. He returns on merit, though other experienced players — Rory Underwood, Dean Richards and Jonathan Callard among them — remain on the outside.

More significant than the return of Carling and Guscott, and the addition of the talented Northampton utility back, Nick Beal, to the squad, are the soothing noises emanating from the Epruc leadership — coincidentally on the same day that the leading players in Scotland intimated a desire to reach contractual agreements with the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU), if, in its turn, the SRU could accommodate some of

the structure to the season proposed by Epruc.

The Scotland squad has given the SRU a ten-day deadline for a revised 1997-98 fixture list that would not overburden the leading players yet acknowledges the position of the clubs. "The primary reason we are holding out for ten days... is that we have no power as players," Rob Wainwright, the Scotland captain, said. "This is the only way we can stand up and have our say on the shaping of the game." The home-based Scottish players are seeking a three-year contract with the SRU, excluding the 1999 World Cup, for which separate agreements would be made.

It may be that Epruc recognises some cracks in its own position and the possibility of alienating a public that has already been sorely tested this season by its stance over the availability of England players for international training. "We recognise the importance of international rugby but emphasise that it must be part of a properly-organised season which the clubs and the players are working together to construct," an Epruc statement said.

"We are making every effort to enable some order to be put into the current season and we hope that this indication of our goodwill will encourage the Rugby Football Union to come up with a team which has the authority and the will to resolve our outstanding differences and join us in finding a real way forward for English rugby."

Indeed, Donald Kerr, the Epruc chairman, was involved in a meeting last Friday that aimed to establish a common calendar, at least where European rugby is concerned, for England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and France. So, too, was Seraphin Berthier, president of the newly-formed *Commission Nationale de Rugby d'Elite*, which is the French equivalent of Epruc, save that it has already reached an understanding with the French Rugby Federation that Epruc has yet to achieve with the RFU.

"For the first time in a long while we sat down together to try to get an organised season and dates for the various competitions," Tom Kiernan, chairman of European Rugby Cup Ltd, said. It is generally acknowledged that the present season is a mish-mash of competitions of which the Anglo-Welsh Cup — which the leading clubs in England and Wales had apparently embraced so enthusiastically — is the worst example. It began in chaos and returns to it this week with Bridgend asking for their game at Leicester tomorrow to be postponed.

Hemi Taylor has withdrawn from the Wales team to play France tomorrow. His place in the back row will be taken by Kingsley Jones. Colin Charvis, of Swansea, comes on to the replacement bench. France have named a strong side for a match for which they have declined to award caps. O'Neill have not yet given up the contest for the services of Franco Botica, despite the New Zealanders' appearance at Stradey Park before the Llanelli v Swansea game last Saturday. The Lancashire club said last night that no formal offer to buy out his contract has been received from Llanelli. They expect him to honour his two-year contract and plan to play him, if fit, against Treorchy tonight.



Guscott: recalled on merit

ENGLAND TRAINING SQUAD

BACKS: N Beal (Northampton), M Catt (Bath), T Stimpson (Newcastle), A Adeniyi (Bath), D Luper (Harlequins), J Maylor (Orrell), J Sleightholme (Bath), T Underwood (Newcastle), A Blyth (Newcastle), W Carling (Harlequins), P de Glanville (Bath), N Greenstock (Wasps), W Greenwood (Leicester), J Guscott (Bath), P Challinor (Harlequins), P Grayson (Northampton), A King (Wasps), K Bracken (Saracens), M Dawson (Northampton), A Gomersall (Wasps), A Healey (Leicester).

FORWARDS: D Gierthorpe (Leicester), R Harwood (Coventry), J Leonard (Harlequins), J Mailes (Bath), G Rowntree (Leicester), R Cockrell (Leicester), P Greening (Gloucester), N McCarthy (Bath), M Piesan (Bristol), G Archer (Newcastle), J Fowler (Sale), M Johnson (Leicester), S Shaw (Bristol), D Sims (Gloucester), R West (Richmond), S Christie (Richmond), M Gorry (Bristol), L Dallaglio (Wasps), A Diprose (Saracens), R Hill (Saracens), S Ojomoh (Bath), R Rodder (Northampton), R Schwenker (Wasps), C Sheasby (Wasps).

Wenger content to stay in background



Wenger, the new Arsenal manager, pays his first visit to the club's training headquarters yesterday

Rice still in charge for Arsenal cup task

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

ARSENE WENGER, the new Arsenal manager, will not take charge of the side for the first time in the Uefa Cup first-round, second-leg tie against Borussia Mönchengladbach in Cologne tomorrow.

Wenger stressed yesterday that Pat Rice, the caretaker manager, will continue to make the tactical and selection decisions for a tie in which Arsenal trail 3-2 from the first leg.

"Pat is officially in charge and will make all the decisions," Wenger said. "I'll only give my advice if he asks for it."

Rice was confirmed as Wenger's assistant yesterday and the manager said: "He knows the club, he knows English football, he knows the players very well and he is a pure Arsenal man. I will not become the manager until next Monday, but I had the feeling it was right for me to be here for this important match if I had the opportunity."

Wenger officially takes over at Highbury next week but has been allowed to come to London earlier by Nagoya Grampus Eight, the club he managed in Japan, to meet his staff and players.

Rice, who stepped in as the second caretaker-manager of the season at Arsenal when Stewart Houston left to become the Queens Park Rangers manager, has steered the team to impressive wins against Sheffield Wednesday and Middlesbrough. He had not met Wenger until yesterday.

Tony Adams, the captain, is certain to play in the match after proving his return to fitness when coming on as a substitute at Middlesbrough on Saturday. The England defender, who has admitted he is an alcoholic, has had two knee operations in ten months.

Patrick Vieira, the France Under-21 international, is poised to keep his place after making his debut as a substitute against Sheffield Wednesday and impressing again at Middlesbrough. Wenger confirmed that he recommended the signing of Vieira.

Stubbs poised for return as Celtic try to spring surprise

FROM KEVIN MCCARRA IN HAMBURG

CELTIC'S arrival in Germany yesterday may have been met with a warmth that far exceeded the cordiality demanded by protocol. Poor domestic form in the Bundesliga has seen animosity and recrimination break out within Hamburg and the club has only the likelihood of victory over Celtic to bind it together. With a 2-0 victory in Glasgow, progress to the second round of the Uefa Cup is taken for granted here.

The defeat of the Scottish club would be a blow to a team that lost 3-1 to Bochum at the weekend and has been beaten in three of its past four league matches. Hamburg's qualification for Europe represented a renaissance at a club that is now managed by Felix Magath, who has been an icon in this city ever since he scored the only goal of the 1983 European Cup final. His players, however, are less devoted to the man.

Hamburg's record signing,

Jens Dowd, bought from Munich 1860 for £800,000 this summer, has not played since a dressing-room argument with the manager at half-time in Glasgow. Magath has no intention of being conciliatory, and delivered a tirade about the team's lack of effort after their most recent loss.

Seeing off Celtic is now supposed to be the first step in the restoration of morale. That appraisal of the match may peeve the visitors, but they have few grounds for protest. At home, Celtic conceded the opening goal in less than three minutes and the players have yet to prove that they possess the concentration or organisation to cope with European football.

Tommy Burns, the manager, is still convinced of his side's incisiveness, but he also knows that chaotic creativity will not be enough. "We've had skilful midfield players," Burns said, "and we've only won one trophy in the past

eight years. It's not about pretty players. We've got to have men who can pass when it's on, but also stop the other team as well."

To that end, Alan Stubbs, who has been ruled out for the past two weeks by a bruised ankle, is liable to be fielded, and the centre half may be asked to cover in front of the defence. The multiple misfortunes suffered by the Englishman, including three injuries and a sending off since August, are encapsulated in his reference to a "voodoo jinx".

Stubbs, who cost £3.5 million from Bolton Wanderers, said: "I have had two days of hard training and I am fitter than I would have been if I had been playing in the team. I only hope that I can settle down and get a string of goals under my belt." The dependability Celtic hope he will now provide has not been forthcoming from other quarters.

Ligier offers twin-track future for Hill

By OLIVER HOLT

FLAVIO BRIATORE, the managing director of the Benetton team, has long been touted as a possible player in the future of Damon Hill. The perception resurfaced yesterday in the wake of the Englishman's narrow failure to clinch his first Formula One world drivers' title at the Portuguese Grand Prix on Sunday, but this time there is a twist.

Briatore was interested in signing Hill for Benetton when it was revealed four weeks ago that he was to be released by Williams at the end of the season. The arrangement would have been welcomed by Renault, the engine supplier to both

teams, which is an admirer of Hill and was keen to keep the No 1, held by the world champion, on one of its cars for its last season in the sport next year.

That move appears to have foundered, however, because both the Benetton drivers, Jean Alesi and Gerhard Berger, are in the middle of two-year contracts and were unwilling to leave.

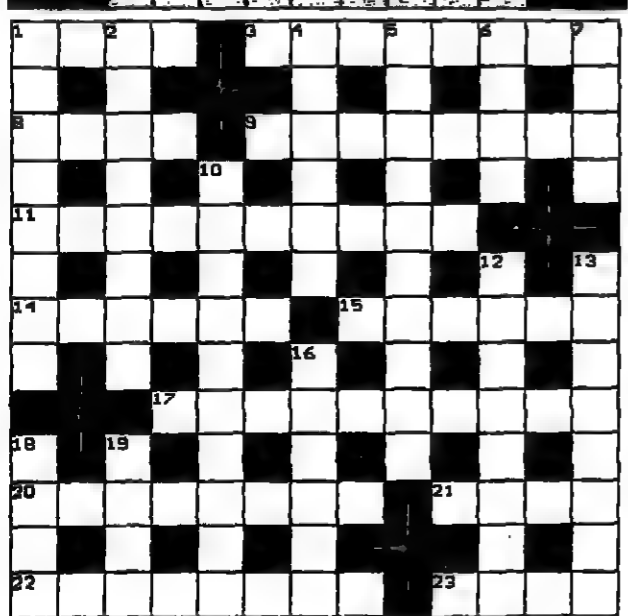
Instead, it now appears that Briatore has re-entered the bidding for Hill in his capacity as the owner of the French-based Ligier team. It is thought that Hill, who is keen to be awarded a two-year deal, might be promised one year at Ligier followed by a chance to aim for the world title again with Benetton the year after.

Briatore, though, will have to fight hard to prise Hill away from his most ardent suitors, Jordan-Peugeot and Stewart-Ford, both of whom are pushing hard for his signature.

Jordan, backed by Benson and Hedges, and Stewart, bankrolled by Ford, are thought to be offering in the region of £4 million to try to tempt Hill. A decision is likely before the Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka on October 13.

Murray Walker's role as the voice of Formula One has been safeguarded for the next two years. The veteran broadcaster has signed up with ITV to commentate on grands prix until 1998, as widely expected.

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ACROSS

- 1 End of sleeve; strike lightly (4)
- 3 Workmen's temp. frame (8)
- 8 Absent; having been launched (4)
- 9 Something commemorative (8)
- 11 Struggling with dilemma (2,3,5)
- 14 Level of confidence (6)
- 15 Grinder of grain (6)
- 17 Loved one (10)
- 20 To empty (clanger site) (8)
- 21 A plant; a metal sleeve (4)
- 22 Threatening (8)
- 23 Awareness, attention (4)

DOWN

- 1 Personal magnetism (8)
- 2 Soft soap (8)
- 4 Belief; trust (6)
- 5 Powerful (eg stage) light (10)
- 6 Leave out (4)
- 7 (Esp. Yorks) valley (4)
- 10 Copy previous person (6,4)
- 12 Enjoyment (8)
- 13 Miserable (8)
- 16 Noun gender, not M or F (6)
- 18 Cooperating group (4)
- 19 Hurt feeling (4)

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Bestseller by Finnish politician reveals fun of sex on a waterbed

FROM REUTERS IN HELSINKI

NEARLY a century after women in Finland broke new ground by being the first in Europe to vote, the female Speaker of parliament has shattered a new barrier with a highly explicit book about her sex life.

Finnis are queuing by the hundreds to buy *Flutering Flame* by Riitta Uosukainen, 54, a former Education Minister who as Speaker ranks second only to President Ahtisaari in the Finnish hierarchy.

Fellow politicians have slammed the book — which is abusive about some of them — saying it undermines the prestige of her position and the political system. But ordinary people are enthusiastic about her frankness.

Published last week, the book on its first run of 17,000 sold out in three days and its publishers said yesterday they have had to order extra paper to cope with the demand. On Sunday churchgoers flocked by the thousands to see Mrs Uosukainen.

Ostensibly an epistolary novel of imaginary letters written to and about political colleagues and friends, the book contains one stunningly frank "letter" to Mrs Uosukainen's husband of 35 years, Lieutenant-Colonel Toivo Uosukainen, about a

weekend. "Thanks for the wonderful weekend, for all the good loving and love-making. We had a fabulous time together," writes Mrs Uosukainen, believed by many to be preparing to run for President after Mr Ahtisaari's term ends in 2000. "The waterbed is tremendous, it doesn't creak — and, oh, that slosh of making love," she continues.

Mrs Uosukainen, a majestic, strong-jawed former teacher who weds her husband only at weekends, enjoys wide popularity. As Speaker, she has demonstrated strong skills in bringing members of the House to order.

Such explicitness may fit into the cliché of sexual frankness and women's liberation associated with countries such as Sweden. In relatively conservative Finland, it is explosive. One columnist in *Iltalehti* said that any male Speaker who had penned such a book would have been labelled a chauvinist.

Mrs Uosukainen described the book as "a mixture of fact and fiction, politics and erotica, science and art, love, poetry and prayer, birth and death". She said she wrote the erotic chapter — which deals only with marital sex — because sex is important to her. "It would have been

deceptive if I had skipped the erotica. People often ask me how I can keep going. I wanted to show that eroticism is a source of energy for me, so others too would see it is part of a normal life," she told *Iltalehti*. "There shouldn't be anything strange about the fact that a middle-aged woman enjoys herself."

She defended the work by arguing that the region of Finland she comes from, Karelia, is known to produce the most sensual Finns. In the letter, she writes of Karelian women who ask their homecoming husbands: "Do you want to eat, drink, take a sauna or sex? We are in that situation weekly, and have altered the programme as we see best. Best of all is when we've begun making love first."

Commentators are still undecided on what the consequences could be for her political career and her chances as President. But they agree the book has injected an entirely new element into Finland's secretive, sometimes sleepy, political culture.

Mrs Uosukainen's husband has made little public comment, beyond confirming her remarks. "The waterbed is good," he told *Iltalehti*. "Absolutely. It's good for my back."



Riitta Uosukainen at the launch of her highly explicit book, sold out in three days. "It would have been deceptive if I had skipped the erotica," she said

French civil service unions call strike over budget cutbacks

FRANCE'S public-sector unions yesterday called for a 24-hour strike by state workers on October 17, as the Government geared up for the first large confrontation of the autumn over plans to cut the deficit in time for economic and monetary union (EMU).

The seven largest public sector unions, including the Force Ouvrière (FO) and the Communist-led CGT which spearheaded last year's crippling strikes, called on France's four million state workers to hold a "national day of action, strikes and protests" to demand wage rises and protest at civil service job losses.

The Government's austerity measures are intended to cut the public deficit to 3 per cent of the gross domestic product next year in line with the requirements for a single European currency.

Union leaders predicted the strikes would cause disruption throughout the public sector, including local government



France faces its first big clash this autumn over government plans to meet single-currency targets, Ben Macintyre reports

offices, state agencies and hospitals. Education unions, which will bear the brunt of the planned 5,600 job cuts, have already called for a strike next Monday. The civil service strike will come exactly one year and one week after more than half of the state workers went on strike.

Union leaders have given a warning of growing industrial unrest in the coming months, but most observers believe public anger over budget cuts has not yet reached that of last year's level, when transport ground to a halt plunging much of the country into chaos.

"We are going to do all we can to make sure it succeeds," Philippe Antoine, deputy di-

rector of the CFDT union, France's largest, said yesterday.

The civil service unions called for the day of strikes to defend public services, suspend job cuts and expand public employment. Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, has frozen civil service pay this year and union leaders called for immediate negotiations on wages.

In what he described as a "warning to the Government", Marc Blondel, head of the FO, presided over a weekend demonstration in Paris. M Blondel said the demonstrators numbered 35,000, although police said half that number of people assembled.

In recent days the French Government has repeatedly affirmed its commitment to a single currency, and yesterday Jean Arthuis, the Finance Minister, called for the formation of a "stability council" made up of finance ministers within the single currency to ensure "strict respect by everyone of the stability pact" enforcing budgetary discipline. M Arthuis said such a council would provide the "necessary political counterweight" to the future European Central Bank.

Yesterday M Arthuis not only insisted that France would achieve the Maastricht criteria for economic and monetary union but said he was confident Britain would also join the single currency.

The bloated social security debt, however, remains a serious hurdle. Last November the Government predicted a welfare debt of Fr17 billion (£2.2 billion) for this year, and an excess in 1997. Instead, this year's debt is likely to be triple

the expected figure while the predicted debt for 1997 is Fr47.2 billion, according to figures released by the Social Security Commission yesterday. Jacques Barrot, the Social Affairs Minister, said yesterday that additional measures, notably increased levies on alcohol and tobacco, would bring down next year's welfare deficit to below Fr30 billion.

Madrid: Spanish unions yesterday took the first step towards a possible general strike when they agreed on two days of demonstrations on September 30 and October 15 against a public-sector wage freeze confirmed by the Government last week.

In Germany, the IG Metall union has called industrial action on October 10 to protest against a cut in sick pay compensation passed by the Government as part of its "Programme for More Jobs and Growth". (Reuters)

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WORLD SUMMARY

EU fear of 'mad cow' summit

Brussels: European ministers yesterday brushed off British hopes of the EU beef ban being lifted without a full-scale slaughter programme, as fears grew on the Continent that John Major could hijack next week's Dublin summit, turning it into another "mad cow" disease showdown (Charles Bremner writes).

Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, met a fresh round of dismay from EU colleagues in Killarney, Co Kerry, over what they see as the Government's breach of its undertaking to start slaughtering 147,000 cattle. Mr Hogg insisted the decision to suspend the cull because of new scientific data on BSE did not affect Britain's commitment to June's Florence deal.

Secret US arms depots found

Vienna: Austria has ended a search for 79 underground arms depots dug secretly by the United States during the Cold War to help to fend off a Soviet invasion. Caspar Einem, the Interior Minister, said, Sixty-five depots containing thousands of tonnes of explosives and hundreds of pieces of artillery were found, but another six have not been located. Eight were found by chance in the 1950s. (Reuters)

Dental worker in army had HIV

Frankfurt: The US Army is notifying about 1,100 soldiers and their families that an army dental hygienist at a German post has tested positive for HIV, the AIDS-related virus. The hygienist provided routine care at the Hanau medical clinic near Frankfurt until June. (Reuters)

Love in the air

Copenhagen: A Dane under a court order not to contact his former girlfriend in any way was fined more than £100 for having Leonard Cohen's *No Cure for Love* dedicated to her on national radio. (AP)

Woman favourite to lead Right in Athens

FROM JOHN CARR IN ATHENS

GREECE'S opposition conservative party, New Democracy, moved quickly yesterday to find the sixth leader in its 22-year history after losing its second election in succession to the Socialists on Sunday.

Dora Bakoyanni, 42, declared her candidacy for the party leadership less than 24 hours after Miltiades Evert surprised the nation by resigning even before the official election results were in. The daughter of Constantine Mitsotakis, the conservative former Prime Minister, and the widow of a right-wing parliamentary deputy shot dead by terrorists in 1989, Mrs Bakoyanni is believed to be a front-runner.

Official results of the election showed the incumbent Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok) re-elected with 41.5 per cent of the vote and New Democracy with 38.1 per cent. The small Greek Communist Party (KKE) came

third, with 5.6 per cent. The KKE was helped by left-wing discontent with the moderate socialism of Costas Simitis, the Prime Minister, putting in the shade the Democratic Socialist Movement of Dimitris Tsoulas, which came fifth, with 4.4 per cent.

However, the presence of three smaller left-wing parties in the 300-seat parliament, with a total of 30 seats, could bring pressure from the Left on key economic policies.

With 99.4 per cent of the vote counted yesterday, the percentage of votes won and party representation was:
□ Pasok, 41.51%, 162 seats;
□ New Democracy, 38.15%, 108;
□ Communist Party of Greece (KKE), 5.6%, 11;
□ Coalition of the Left and Progress, 5.1%, 10;
□ Democratic Social Movement (Dikiki), 4.43%, 9;
□ Political Spring (nationalist), 2.94%, no seats.

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Simitis victory frees Greece from its spendthrift legacy

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ATHENS

BY RETURNING Costas Simitis, the Greek Socialist leader, to power for the next four years, the normally emotional Greeks have voted for caution and stability under a man who does not share the appetite for inflammatory anti-Nato and anti-EU rhetoric of his predecessor, Andreas Papandreu.

They have also opted for painful economic belt-tightening in a bid to meet European targets, and a policy of quiet diplomacy with Turkey rather than confrontation.

Mr Simitis, 60, has begun to put the shadow of Papandreu behind him, although his gamble in calling an election a year early appeared at one point perilously close to failure. The standing in the opinion polls of his Panhellenic Socialist Movement, or Pasok, fell as Miltiades Evert, the robust but gaffe-prone leader of the

right-wing New Democracy, whipped up anti-Turkish feeling, hammered Pasok's long record of economic mismanagement and offered farmers tempting tax breaks.

But Mr Simitis, who dropped his reserve on election night with a grin of sheer



Simitis: put shadow of Papandreu behind him

delight, can now claim openly that it was not Pasok, but Papandreu who gave Greece a bloated, indebted and corrupt economy. Papandreu's son, George, the respected Education Minister in the last Simitis administration, said Greece had clearly had enough of "charismatic" leaders like his father. Pasok was now "pro-market".

Mr Simitis has promised to reduce red tape to help foreign investors, ensure that EU grants are not corruptly frittered away, and tackle the patronage system by cutting unnecessary jobs in the civil service and public sector.

Behind this lies his determination to bring Greece closer into line with the Maastricht single-currency targets on inflation, unemployment and the £1.95 billion public deficit. Mr Simitis told voters their "sacrifices" would "bring Greece fully into Europe".

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Perot goes to law in attempt to join TV party debates

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

ROSS PEROT sued yesterday to stop next month's presidential debates unless he is allowed to participate.

At the same time, Bob Dole's aides hinted for the first time that the 73-year-old Republican might abandon California and other important states in order to focus his limited resources on those his strategists still deem winnable. The great danger of such a move is that the entire Republican ticket may suffer in the states abandoned, increasing the chances of the Democrats recapturing Congress.

Mr Perot, the Texas billionaire, started a legal action in Washington challenging last week's unanimous decision by a committee of Democrats and Republicans to bar him from the debates on the ground that he had no realistic chance of winning the presidency.

Over the weekend, negotiators for the Dole and Clinton camps agreed that the two men should meet for 90-minute debates in Hartford, Connecticut, on October 6 and in San Diego, California, on October 16. Their running-mates will meet in St Petersburg, Florida, on October 9.

The White House wanted Mr Perot to be included, believing that he would steal votes and attention from Mr Dole, but the Republicans were adamant. They see the debates as their candidate's last chance to catch Mr Clinton and wanted him to have a clear run at the President. In return, the Clinton camp in-



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sisted on 90-minute, not 60-minute, debates believing that Mr Dole may tire, and on two debates, not four, to reduce the dangers of an upset. It also insisted that the second debate should have a "town-hall" format of the sort in which Mr Clinton excels.

Mr Perot called Mr Dole a coward and predicted that the Republican candidate's stand would cost him the support of millions of independent voters. "Here's a guy that's supposed to be a war hero. You'd think he'd be willing to stand up and talk to another person, wouldn't you?"

His legal action argued that the two established parties "should not be permitted to consolidate their monopoly on the political process by closing off the presidential debates... Declaring the election essentially over for all candidates but two before a single debate takes place will only deepen the nation's cynicism about government."

Previous third-party candidates have sued for inclusion

in presidential debates. None has succeeded, but Mr Perot may have a stronger case. He won 19 per cent of the national vote in 1992, has received \$29 million (£18.6 million) in federal funds, and has got his new Reform Party on the ballot forms in all 50 states. He also soared in the polls after lively performances in the three debates in 1992.

Mr Dole's strategists, in the meantime, are producing a revised electoral blueprint in the light of his desperate position six weeks before the election. He is likely to focus on 29 states and would have to carry every one. According to *The Washington Post*, they include 16 solidly Republican "core states" that would provide 135 of the 270 electoral college votes required for victory. They also include seven "must-win" states — Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Colorado, Nevada and Arizona — that usually vote Republican and account for another 77 electoral votes.

If Mr Dole could lock those up, and even that is a tall order, he would then need 58 more votes; his strategists have identified Ohio, Michigan, Louisiana, Connecticut, Iowa and Montana as most likely to provide them.

This high-risk strategy would appeal many congressional Republicans who are fighting to retain their seats and their control of Congress. It would involve abandoning California with its 54 electoral college votes, as President Bush did in 1992, as well as several big states such as New Jersey, Illinois and Pennsylvania. It would also free Mr Clinton to divert millions of dollars into other "battle-ground" states.

The new strategy has been a source of considerable argument in the Dole camp, with some aides arguing that resources should be concentrated on the traditional "battle-ground" states in the hope that the "base" states will naturally return to the Republican fold.



Perot accused Bob Dole of political cowardice

Gun lobby group hit by cash crisis

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

THE National Rifle Association is being forced to reduce its operations to stave off a financial crisis caused by a disastrous drive for new right-wing members.

The group has just laid off 30 employees, suspended production of its weekly cable television show and reorganised staff so it can let more of its new headquarters building in Washington's southwestern suburbs. The association's report for 1995 showed its liabilities exceeded its assets by \$43.5 million (£28 million).

"They're in a desperate financial condition," said Dave Edmondson, a former board member who has become a strong critic.

The root cause of the problems was the association's

costly recruitment drive in the early 1990s when, under new hardline leadership, it drove membership up to a record 3.4 million by posing as the leading opponent of a tyrannical Government bent on depriving Americans of their rights. The association helped to elect a Republican Congress in 1994, but the Oklahoma City bombing in April 1995 changed everything.

George Bush, the former President, resigned in protest as did thousands of other moderate members, convinced that extremists now controlled what had traditionally been an organisation for hunters and sportsmen.

Membership has dropped to about 2.8 million and the association's clout has also declined.



John Kennedy Jr and Carolyn Bessette leaving the church on Cumberland Island where they were married at a small private ceremony on Saturday

Kennedy clan savours coup of secret island wedding

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

RELATIVES of John Kennedy Jr were yesterday celebrating the security coup of the decade — keeping secret from the media the wedding of "America's sexiest man" on a remote Atlantic sand dune.

As Mr Kennedy, 35, the son of the late President and Jacqueline Kennedy, honeymooned with his bride, Carolyn (née Bessette), 30, news organisations kicked themselves for having missed the "wedding of the century" in Georgia. So covert was the operation that the news was confirmed only when Patrick Kennedy, a congressman, said on Sunday night: "My cousin John did tie the knot yesterday."

A mere 30 people, mostly family, attended the service at Cumberland Island's quaint Brack Chapel. The reception was similarly low-key, with a few glasses of wine and a prawn dip. Guests who quietly flew to the island, reachable only by small aircraft or launch, included Senator Edward Kennedy. He was one of the few members of the family's "elite cadre" to have been party to the secret.

Some friends and relations who were not invited were left holding slightly bloodied noses. The implication was clear: they were not to be trusted with the secret. Only a handful of caterers were on hand, all having signed confidentiality agreements.

Letitia Baldrige, a former social secretary to the late Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, rejoiced that Mr Kennedy succeeded in his plan. "John's whole life has been so public

and he desperately likes privacy," she said. "I'm so glad he did it. It shows up all those movie stars who say they want privacy but then arrange for coverage."

Commentators dwelt on Mr Kennedy's "class" in having resisted self-publicity.

The former Miss Bessette, who has toyed with a career in public relations, comes from a "toxy" (American for aristocratic) Connecticut family and apparently passed muster with Mrs Kennedy Onassis. The late First Lady was reported to have considered the girl to have sufficient class to take the name of Mrs John Kennedy.

Mr Kennedy walked up the aisle with a record of myriad, but always discreet, romances. His past flames included the actresses Daryl Hannah and Christina Haug.

US carrier may leave Gulf after Saddam 'backs off'

BY MARTIN FLETCHER AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AMERICA completed its military build-up in the Gulf yesterday, but if Iraq continues to comply with its demands, the Clinton Administration may soon withdraw one of its two aircraft carrier battle groups from the region.

"All the evidence that I have seen in the last four or five days is positive," William Perry, the American Defence Secretary, said. "I truly believe Iraq is backing off the threatening actions they were taking a week ago, but we will watch it very carefully, every day, every hour."

Mr Perry said he would decide next week whether to let the USS *Carl Vinson* return home in October, leaving the USS *Enterprise* as the only carrier in the Gulf.

The last of about 3,500 troops President Clinton ordered to Kuwait at the height of the latest Iraqi crisis arrived in the emirate yesterday. American officials said yesterday that a desert storm had delayed the full deployment of ground forces close to the border.

President Saddam Hussein has a habit of challenging America's resolve in the run-up to elections, and a Pentagon official said the reinforcements were likely to stay until after voting day on November 5 "to be on the safe side".

In eastern Turkey up to 20,000 Turkish troops backed by air power launched operations yesterday to hunt rebel Kurds and cut logistical support before winter, military officials said. They said about 250 Kurdistan Workers Party guerrillas were cornered in the remote mountains of Tunceli province.

□ Korea plea: Mr Perry yesterday dismissed North Korea's claim that a submarine was on a routine mission when it went aground off South Korea. But he urged both countries to ease what has become an international shooting incident.



Perry: US keeping watch "every day, every hour"

Self-made tycoon unmasked as master of deceit

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

THE late American oil tycoon and art collector Armand Hammer was, according to two new accounts, a possible Russian spy and a philandering crook.

He not only had his mistress adopt a disguise to deceive his wife but, it appears, he also deceived and manipulated world leaders he knew, including American Presidents, Margaret Thatcher, the Prince of Wales, and "many great ladies and gentlemen".

Hammer's reputation as an international philanthropist and billionaire entrepreneur will come in for severe scrutiny after disclosures in an article in today's issue of *The Times* by Neil Lyndon, a former Hammer staffer, and in a forthcoming book to be published in New York by Edward Epstein, an investigative writer.

Hammer, who died in 1990 when 92, was chairman of Occidental Petroleum, operator of the Piper Alpha oil platform on which 167 North Sea oil workers died.

For much of his life he was hailed as a living embodiment of the American dream, a self-made man of influence who wielded power on both sides of the Iron Curtain and had extraordinary access to men of substance.

While he was portraying himself as a highbrow friend of statesmen and royalty, Messrs Lyndon and Epstein allege, Hammer engaged in an elaborate ruse to prevent his late wife, Frances, discovering about an affair with his art assistant, Martha Kaufman, 50 years his junior. At his behest she changed her name to Hilary Gibson and adopted a new identity.

According to Mr Epstein, Hammer liked to telephone Buckingham Palace from Miss Kaufman's home, having first partly undressed. He liked her to be present while he spoke down the line to British royalty.

Mr Lyndon discloses that when he left Hammer's staff he feared for his life, adding: "She [Miss Kaufman] and I go to show it doesn't take much to buy a mistress or a ghost-writer."

Mr Lyndon then says: "But the whoring principles by which Hammer debauched us also applied to his global dealings in business and politics. The larger question that will lead to the greater truth about Armand Hammer is this: what does it take to buy a President or a King?"

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Fashion's First Ladies breakfast in style

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

DIANA, the Princess of Wales, will have breakfast at the White House this morning with her American kindred spirit — Hillary Clinton. Both women are world famous, hounded by the media, do good works and have a finely-developed sense of fashion, which is what has brought the Princess to Washington.

The Princess, still adored in America despite her somewhat tarnished image back home, will tonight be the honorary chairman of a glittering gala dinner and fashion sale at Washington's National Building Museum which will raise millions of dollars for breast cancer research.

Over the past week New York's top designers have shipped down \$1 million worth of clothes which they have donated to "Super Sale

1996". More than 1,100 of America's great and good, including Elizabeth Dole and Colin Powell, have paid up to \$500 (£320) each for tickets and will have first chance to buy the clothes.

The event has been organised by Anna Wintour, the British-born editor of America's *Vogue* magazine, the designer Ralph Lauren, the Council of Fashion Designers of America and *The Washington Post* whose former publisher, Katharine Graham, personally invited the Princess to participate.

Mrs Clinton is hosting the breakfast in the East Room to thank those most involved in the event, and the Princess's fellow guests will include her friend, Lucia Flecha de Lima, the Brazilian Ambassador's wife.

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Bhutto brother's killing reopens a nation's wounds

By Christopher Thomas
South Asia Correspondent

PAKISTAN is exhausted by Benazir Bhutto. No elected leader has been more unpopular since the state was founded in 1947.

Nor has any political spouse had a reputation as low as that of Asif Zardari, her ever-smiling husband, who figures often in newspaper allegations of high-level corruption.

The death of her brother, Murtaza Bhutto, 42, has eliminated the logical political heir of the Bhutto dynasty, a rich, powerful family as beset by tragedy as the Kennedys and the Nehru-Gandhis.

Photographs of Murtaza Bhutto's bloodstained body have disgusted a nation in despair with endless political, criminal and religious killings.

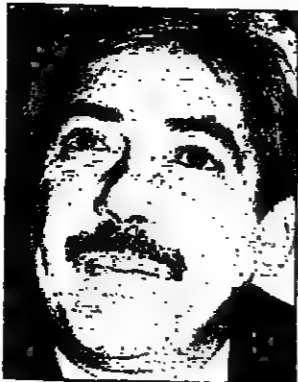
The tears shed by Miss Bhutto at her brother's graveside were in contrast to the virulence that flowed between them when he was alive. Her mother, Nusrat, called him the rightful heir as the only male of the family. She abused her daughter publicly.

Murtaza weighed in, calling his sister incompetent and unfit for office, a "viper in the bosom". It was degrading not just for the Bhuttos: it humiliated the country.

Was it murder? Or did Murtaza die by chance during a spontaneous gunbattle between the police and his bodyguards in Karachi on Friday? Either way the implications for Miss Bhutto are grave.

It is almost inconceivable that the Prime Minister's brother could be killed by accident. She has professed her innocence in the affair. Miss Bhutto has effectively admitted that she has no control over the chaos of her sinister and murderous country.

Opposition leaders insisted that Murtaza was assassinated. That is what the nation seems inclined to believe, even



Murtaza Bhutto: he was estranged from his sister

without the slightest evidence. Miss Bhutto called it a conspiracy to destabilise her Government, a Government whose survival is in doubt for the same reasons that it was dismissed in an army intervention once before — incompetence and corruption.

Pakistan doubtless will never know the truth of Murtaza Bhutto's death. The poisoning of his brother, Shahnawaz, in a Paris hotel in 1985 remains a mystery. His Afghan wife was accused of failing to call for help as he died. The plane crash that killed General Zia ul-Haq, the dictator, in August 1988 also remains without explanation.

The police fired bullets and teargas yesterday to clear Murtaza Bhutto's supporters from round the ancestral Bhutto home in Larkana in Sindh province.

Murtaza's party, a break-away faction of Miss Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party, said that the police had shot its leader and his followers in an ambush and had caused delays in the transfer of the dead and wounded to hospital.

"The assassination of Murtaza Bhutto and his companions was no accident but a brutal and deliberate act of terrorism," it said.

There had been no provocation by Murtaza and his followers; the police had opened fire as Murtaza and

his supporters were returning from a public meeting.

Murtaza Bhutto never posed a credible political threat to his sister, although his support was increasing. He was largely forgotten during 16 years he spent in self-imposed exile abroad, mostly in Syria, to escape terrorist charges because of activities against the Zia dictatorship, the dictatorship that in 1979 hanged Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, his father and founder of the dynasty.

He returned to Pakistan in 1993 and then spent time in jail, but the powerful military machine no longer felt inclined to pursue him.

He became an MP for the Larkana constituency, where he formed an alliance with his mother against his sister. Miss Bhutto saw him in hospital before he died, when he was awake and talking. He had laid bleeding in the street for an hour, she said, crying. As doctors prepared to operate, he died.



Nusrat Bhutto, left, the mother of the dead man, prays at his grave with her daughter, Benazir, Prime Minister of Pakistan, whom she has publicly criticised

Tit-for-tat attack leaves 21 dead in Punjab mosque

By Zahid Hussain in Karachi and our foreign staff

HARDLINE Sunni and Shia Muslims stepped up tit-for-tat killings in Pakistan yesterday, leaving 22 people dead and about 40 injured in the province of Punjab.

Reports said that 21 people died after five masked gunmen burst into the Majid al-Khair mosque in Multan, spraying bullets as hundreds of Sunni worshippers began early-morning prayers. Police said the attack was by Shia Muslims in retaliation for the murder of a Shia leader in Bahawalpur, 60 miles south of Multan, on Sunday.

Hours later yesterday, in another apparent reprisal, two gunmen on a motorcycle shot Mumtaz-ul-Hussain, a leading Shia militant, while he was on his way to evening prayers in Bahawalpur.

Hospital officials in Multan said many of the dead were boys aged ten to 16 from a nearby religious school.

The mosque attack led to widespread violence in the city with angry protesters attacking government buildings and houses. Streets were deserted

and shops closed as hundreds of police and paramilitary soldiers patrolled in armoured personnel carriers and jeeps mounted with machineguns.

By mid-afternoon the army had been deployed in the Mumtazabad neighbourhood, where the shooting happened.

Gunfire could be heard, and roaming bands of boys were seen burning tyres. Shia Muslims, fearing retaliation, were gathering in a nearby mosque, witnesses said. Another Shia mosque was burnt, but no one was hurt and there was only slight damage.

From loudspeakers atop both Shia and Sunni mosques there were calls for people to get weapons and prepare for a battle, witnesses said.

Pakistan's Sunni and Shia militants have waged a vendetta for several years and more than 200 people have been killed in Punjab province in the past six months.

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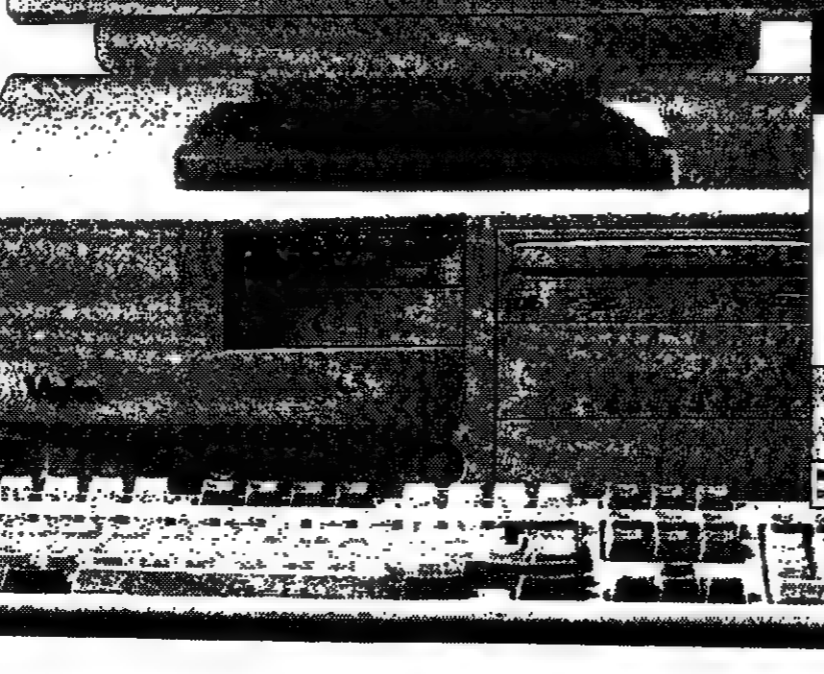
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Japan foils landings on disputed islands

From Jonathan Mirsky
in Hong Kong
and our foreign staff

JAPANESE coastguard vessels yesterday drove five ships carrying Taiwan and Hong Kong activists away from a cluster of disputed reefs in the East China Sea.

Seventeen Japanese vessels backed by a helicopter thwarted eight landing attempts on the Diaoyu Islands — Senkaku Islands to the Japanese. Taiwan radio described the atmosphere as very tense. It said that 20 demonstrators, accompanied by 60 reporters, shouted: "Get out of Chinese territory."

The Japanese played down the incident. "It is our routine duty to issue warnings and ask foreign ships to move out of Japan's waters," the Maritime Safety Agency said. Chris Patten, Governor of Hong Kong, yesterday said he hoped the dispute could be settled amicably.

A lighthouse built in July by Japanese nationalists and the Japanese coastguard's expulsion of a Taiwan fishing boat have reignited a dispute over the islands, claimed by Peking, Taipei and Tokyo. The activists wanted to remove the lighthouse.

Sri Lankan troops clash with Tamils

Colombo: Sri Lankan troops killed or wounded more than 200 Tamil Tiger rebels in their first major push against the guerrillas in more than a month, the Defence Ministry said yesterday.

Military officials said the rebels put up stiff resistance against troops who on Sunday advanced on the rebels' northern Kilinochchi stronghold, backed by tanks, artillery and air support. At least 50 soldiers had been killed in the two-day assault by noon yesterday, according to the army. The Tamil Tigers accused the Government of attacking civilians. (Reuters)

"Violent" China

Peking: The violence endemic to Western television is becoming increasingly prevalent in China, as producers and directors try to boost viewing figures, according to a China Daily report. (AFP)

Rat traps

Dhaka: Armed with cats, traps and poison, farmers in Bangladesh began their annual drive to kill the rats that destroy nearly a third of the country's grains. Every rat fetches about 8p. (AP)

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Part Two: George Urban finds Margaret Thatcher still unreconciled to her loss of power

'Major wants to undo what we accomplished'

Three weeks after the ordeal of her enforced resignation, Margaret Thatcher went to lunch at the Centre for Policy Studies (CPS). George Urban sensed from the beginning that it was going to be no ordinary lunch, but a wake to allow her to relax.

December 19, 1990
Warming her hands in front of our little gas fire, MT launched into her doubts about John Major's administration.

"The new Government — well, I think they have embarked on a course of great danger. It is quite clear already that they want to undo many of the things we have accomplished, and there is no telling where that might take them. All the wrong people are rejoicing! That's a sure indication that they are walking down the wrong road," and more to the same effect.

April 8, 1993
Meeting at Chesham Place with MT — now Baroness Thatcher. I came away with the impression that she has not been able psychologically to digest the fact that she is no longer Prime Minister. Her whole attitude to the day's business — the rush into which she appeared to have driven herself throughout the morning, her remarks about various things she had to attend to immediately, with the underlying thought that unless these things were performed quickly and efficiently something terrible might befall the world and certainly

AFTER THE FALL

Britain — all point to the sad fact that 2½ years after her resignation she still cannot reconcile herself to the loss of that terrible elixir — power.

I was distressed. Was this great lady entertaining false ideas about her place in the universe? Was she lapsing into a phantom world, waiting for the bugle to sound, summon-

us; they might try to recapture some of their former satellites in Eastern Europe; there might be a showdown between rival factions, parliament and the President — who knows? This is no time to cut our forces," I agreed.

We then turned to domestic matters, notably the state of affairs in the Conservative

because the public was not being properly served by them. That's not 'conservative'! The name is all wrong. I thoroughly agreed with that, remembering, however, that only a few years ago 'conservative' was a name she had proudly embraced.

Clearly, she has changed her semantics, and I should imagine the change came in the light of some of her experiences abroad. In

French, German or Italian ears 'conservative' has a ring of datedness, immobility and stagnation.

She then voiced her great concern that Britain under Major was losing its way in the world and would no longer count. She put down some of that loss of direction to Britain's involvement with the European Community and Major's 'ambiguous' policies. I knew and had feared that the sore topic of Europe would come up. However amicably we would be talking about Bosnia, swords would be crossed on Europe.

For 90 minutes we managed not to mention Europe, but, as I was halfway through the door, MT grabbed me: "Well, you realise, George, don't you, that it is the European involvement that is dragging Britain down... It is our participation in that unholy mess. Let no one forget that."

March 8, 1994
Noel Malcolm's outstanding history of Bosnia was launched yesterday in the offices of the Alliance to Defend Bosnia-Herzegovina. Baroness Thatcher and Denis



Thatcher supported John Major in public but privately had strong doubts



A tearful Margaret Thatcher leaves 10 Downing Street with Denis Thatcher for the last time after her resignation

Thatcher were there, and so among the notables was Michael Foot, an old Yugoslav hand, and other Balkan 'experts'. Once again, Lady Thatcher was the centre of attention. She was debating with Daniel Johnson of the Times and Drago Stambuk, the Croatian chargé. MT treated me with considerable familiarity, touching me on the arm and thrusting her finger at my chest to give weight to some point or other. Among the young blood around her, I was an old friend in every sense of the word.

tense, almost manic her mind seemed centred on the next item in her stream of consciousness. Finally I interjected. "Some time ago, I said, 'I sent you a volume of Cusine as background reading to the Soviet/Russian mentality. Wouldn't you agree that what I have been saying is in line with Cusine's travelogue?'"

"Yes, I've read it," she answered, "but Cusine wrote

must speak the truth again and again because people have short memories. They don't read books and don't reflect! You and I are at the end of our lives; we have a duty to show the way to the young; we must pass on what we have thought and experienced."

"Yes," I said, "on that point I very much agree with you." I went on to quote something from Goethe to reinforce her

cogent theory of how nations and states relate to one another. What did I think? This was, of course, far too large a question to be threshed out at a party with drinks in hand. I tried to say that both Eli Kedourie and Hugh Seton-Watson had written important books on that very topic and both had advised her on various occasions. But I don't think she was listening; she was listening to herself. We were back on Bosnia.

"Self-determination is a principle wholly malign for the peace of the world," she said. "States just cannot be made to coincide with nations."

I said: whatever we may feel about the rights and wrongs of national self-determination, it is there, in Principle VIII of the Helsinki Final Act, and has contributed to the disintegration of the Soviet empire. To that extent it has been a great practical value. But MT waved this aside.

"It is Woodrow Wilson, of course, who is ultimately responsible for the damaging myth of the single-nation state. Such states cannot work. Wilson got it all wrong. He is the one to put in the dock of history."

Our conversation was going nowhere. People had begun to leave. I removed myself gently from her circle.

● Diplomacy and Disillusion at the Court of Margaret Thatcher by George Urban, is published tomorrow by I.B. Tauris. To order a copy through The Times Bookshop telephone 0345 660910. Discount price £18.95, inc. postage.



Thatcher with the Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev

about Russian conditions 150 years ago. You can't take that for your guide. Conditions change; people change."

I wondered whether she would care to apply that principle to the German people and German character, remembering the views she had expressed at our 1990 Chequers seminar, but I kept my thoughts to myself. The lecturing went on.

"Why on earth are you so pessimistic, George?" she repeated. "Can't you see that we

point: everything worth saying has already been said; our job is to say it again and say it better. I'm not sure whether she took it in. Her mind was on herself. Suddenly she switched back to communism. "Is the Cold War returning?"

I said it would be far too early to say that it was, but there were signs of a revival of Russian national imperialism. We should remain on our guard. She then turned to nations and states. No one, she claimed, had yet presented a

What caused the real controversy between us was an airy remark I threw out, half in jest, half in earnest, about the Russian people's traditional indiscipline and inclination to anarchy. What the "dark masses" need, I said, is the periodic application of the whip, as so many Russians have been telling us. The present chaos, too, is waiting to be sorted out by a strong man of one kind or another.

To my surprise, MT took my mention of the whip literally and reacted with anger. "How can you say such a thing, George? No people should be ruled by the whip, no people at all. I've been to Russia and found the people kind, sensitive and most hospitable. How can you talk about the whip? MT was deadly serious. Perhaps I should not have played on her sense of humour."

"Well," I said, "this is not my personal view but one that stares us in the face from the pages of Russian literature. Even today, many Russians will volunteer the opinion that only a tsar-like figure can keep them in order. Stalin was aware of that and kept an orderly house; but look at what happened under the liberal Gorbachev. In 1985, 'I went on, 'I predicted in The Wall Street Journal that Gorbachev might end up installing democracy using the methods of Stalin...'"

Again, my irony misfired. "But not the whip, George," MT repeated. "No people need the whip. There is reason. There is persuasion. A strong government, yes, respect for authority, yes, but not the whip. I am surprised!"

I now decided to respond to Lady Thatcher's seriousness with seriousness.

"With respect," I said, "the Russian people's periodic ungovernability is proverbial and well documented in history. You yourself experienced ungovernability, although of the British kind, at the time of the miners' strike, and even that did not pass off without violence..."

This released another torrent of words I did not care to interrupt. There was a strange glitter in MT's eyes. She was

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Will the whole truth about this evil man ever be told?

Neil Lyndon tried but failed to expose the depravity of the oil tycoon Armand Hammer. Now he asks if a new biography will meet the challenge

Readers of Edward Jay Epstein's *New Yorker* portrait of Armand Hammer's last days must have been shocked and disgusted; but in that ghastly picture of cruelty and deception, of the bizarre sexual shenanigans of a nonagenarian and of megalomania run mad into senility, of fraud and greed involving the misappropriation of hundreds of millions of dollars, there was little to surprise any of us who worked closely with Hammer in the Eighties, as I did.



NEIL LYNDON

At least 100 people in the Los Angeles, Washington, London and Moscow offices of Occidental Petroleum, of which Hammer was chairman, had known for years that he maintained a mistress named Martha Wade Kaufman, that she had changed her name to Hilary Gibson to get on Hammer's payroll and had changed her appearance to deceive Hammer's wife Frances (in Occidental's office on Wilshire Boulevard, Martha/Hilary was better known as "The Wig"). We all supposed that he was having an affair with his "personal physician" Rosamaria Durazo, though it was news to me that he offered to marry her. We all knew that he was constantly badgering younger women into sexual compro-

mise and paying them off with jobs and corporate boudoir. We knew that he had illegitimate children. We knew that he had cheated his wife out of her fortune of hundreds of millions of dollars. Above all, we understood that he believed — because his entire life had proved it — that he could do anything and get away with it. We reckoned him to be capable of evil, even murder.

Many of us believed that Hammer was madly misappropriating the funds of Occidental for his own personal aggrandisement and that he had gone far beyond the control of a flaccid and cowed board of directors, disorganised shareholders and a feeble SEC (Securities & Exchange Commission). In early June 1989, while I was

still under a personal contract of employment as Hammer's ghost, amanuensis and house-hack, I became seriously worried about his conduct, especially his demented determination to complete a mausoleum of a museum in his own honour. This hall of marble was being erected to house the \$300 million (£200 million) art collection Hammer called his own, which he had actually acquired using Occidental money; and the construction cost, again borne by Occidental, threatened to exceed \$140 million. Though I



Armand Hammer in Los Angeles office 1987: using the huge wealth of Occidental, he corrupted anyone he believed useful to him. His employees believed him capable even of murder

genuinely feared that he might have me killed if he found out, I decided to blow Hammer's gaff.

In Los Angeles, on the morning of Saturday, June 3, 1989, I spent two hours with Harold Evans, my old Editor at *The Sunday Times*, in his suite at the Bel Air Hotel. I gave him the whole story of Hammer's misdeeds for him to relay to his wife Tina Brown, then Editor of *Vanity Fair*. Harry took notes but seemed not to absorb or, perhaps, fully to believe the story. "Are you saying he's a really bad man?" he asked. "Well, yes, Harry; that's the least of it," I answered. "Has he killed people?" "We think he might have done," I don't understand why Tina did not take up the story at that time, while Hammer was still alive and criminally active; but now that she is Editor of *New Yorker*, Tina has at least published part of the story in Ed Epstein's article, which, in

turn, derives from a book Epstein has written about Hammer. Harold Evans, now president of Random House, is publishing that book.

Better late than never, and better, too, that some of the truth should have been published rather than none. It is possible that Ed Epstein has fully grasped the astounding and titanic Mephistophelean truth of Armand Hammer's whole life and has delivered it in his book, which has yet to appear here; but I should be surprised. Epstein called me several times while he was preparing the book and I offered to help him. He did not seem to want to know what I might be able to tell him; and he seemed preoccupied with sides of Hammer's life that I believed to be relatively unimportant.

Having explored Kremlin files, he said, Epstein had finally proved beyond doubt what everybody had long suspected and others had previously intimated — that Hammer was an active agent of the Soviet Union for most of his adult life and that he had served Stalin. The historical importance of this fact is not

of 167 men on Piper Alpha, an Occidental platform. For his role in that catastrophe, Hammer might have faced charges of corporate homicide if he had lived and if a gullible and negligent British press had not been so eager to let him pull the wool over their eyes.

One recollection of Martha Wade Kaufman's, recorded by Epstein, might light the way towards that larger story. When Hammer took her as his mistress, he promised that, if she would do what he wanted, she "would never have to worry about money again".

My skin froze like a touch of the grave when I read that line. Those words, exactly, had once been spoken to me. In the summer of 1984, Hammer's main man in London called me at home to relay a message from his boss. "Dr Hammer has told me to say that, if you



Lover: Martha Kaufman becomes Hilary Gibson

will write his autobiography on his terms, you will never have to worry about money again". I was so astonished that I took the phone away from my ear to look at it in disbelief.

At that moment, I was 37, sole supporter of a wife and a baby on Grub Street earnings. My feature articles were regularly appearing in Britain's

top newspapers and magazines but my income never equalled our spending. The week before Armand Hammer offered me £240,000 for one year to write his book, our local bank manager had pronounced me to be insolvent. I was no more able to refuse his promise (which turned out to be a lie) than Martha Wade Kaufman.

She and I go to show that it doesn't take much to buy a mistress or a ghost. We were small change in Hammer's pocket. But the whoring principle by which Hammer debauched us also applied to his global dealings in business and politics. The larger ques-

tion that will lead to the greater truth about Armand Hammer is this: What does it take to buy a President or a King?

In the bedroom of his house in Holmby Hills in Los Angeles, Hammer kept a plaque inscribed with a motto that he would see every morning when he opened his eyes. It said: "The Golden Rule: He Who Hath the Gold Maketh the Rule".

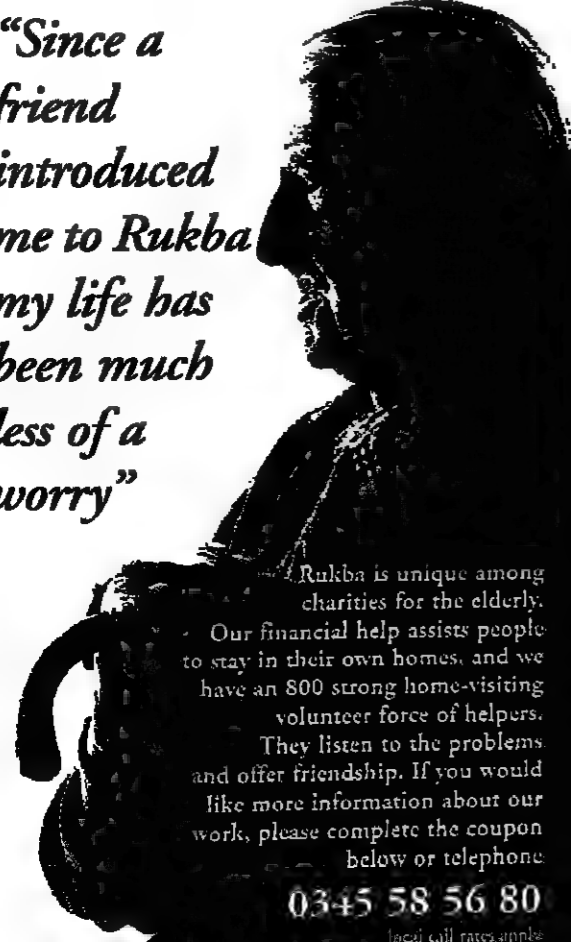
As chairman of Occidental, Hammer had a limitless supply of gold with which to apply that satanic principle. His own personal fortune was not great: his estate, after his death in 1990, was worth about \$40 million. But Occidental was the fourteenth largest industrial concern in the United States. Its annual sales

were more than \$20 billion. Running that corporation as a personal fiefdom, helping himself to its takings as if they were in the till in his corner-shop, Hammer was able to spend more money than any man on earth. As a matter of straightforward fact, Hammer knew that he could buy anything he wanted and anybody he needed. And he did. He whored the world.

Many great ladies and gentlemen, abed tonight in England and around the world, will be praying that Ed Epstein has not followed the trail of Hammer's gold to their own doors. They will be hoping that he has nothing much more to add to the *New Yorker* story but has been satisfied to retail the flabbergasting details of a mad old man's last imbroglios. I shall be hoping for something greater.

It was a simple fact — he could buy anyone he wanted

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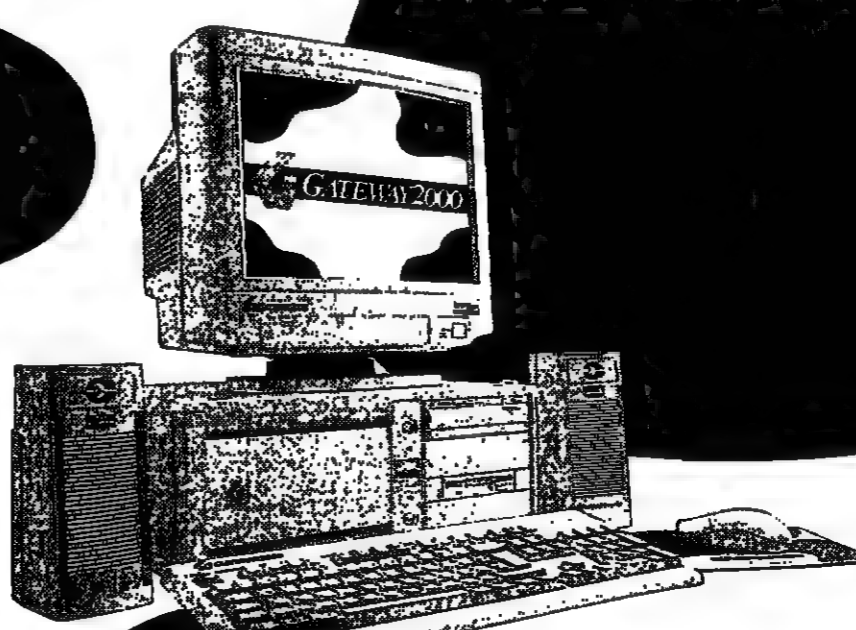
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There is madness in their method

Chris Woodhead on the cost of ignoring teacher training

The battle in the school sector has been largely won. Parents, politicians of all parties, and most within the teaching profession agree that the public has a right to know how its schools are performing. Few now question the principle of accountability.

Last week the Education Secretary, Gillian Shephard, took the same battle into new educational territory. She announced that the performance of teacher-training institutions was to be opened up to public scrutiny. There is to be a new core curriculum for literacy and numeracy and new inspection arrangements to reveal the effectiveness of the training provided.

Those who believe that the Government's reforms should have focused from the start on teacher training have welcomed the initiative. Others have yet to be convinced. Doug McAvoy, the general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, sees the requirement that student teachers should, above all else, be taught how to teach children to read as a capitulation to "the obsessions of far-right policy advisers". And Professor Ted Wragg, of Exeter University, has spoken movingly about how the creativity of future teachers will be squashed by this political intrusion into ground that should have remained the professional responsibility of academics like himself.

There are dangers in a teacher training curriculum

Should it? Last week also saw the publication of Ofsted's report on La Sainte Union College, Southampton. It was, admittedly, one of the most critical reports we have published on a teacher-training institution. But the weaknesses identified in this college have been found, albeit usually in less extreme form, in a number of other institutions. Some 10 per cent of the provision inspected so far has been judged unsatisfactory.

The La Sainte Union report tells us that "few students had more than a superficial understanding of how to teach reading", that "their ability to assess... pupils' writing is inhibited by their uncertain grasp of the basic structure of English", and that they were "insufficiently skilled in the diagnosis and correction of pupils' errors and misunderstandings in arithmetic".

Moreover, when earlier this year Ofsted inspected the teaching of reading in three London boroughs, the teachers involved were asked whether they felt that their initial training had equipped them to do the job they were now doing. The majority said that it had not. On the assumption that they had not simply forgotten all they had been taught, our judgment of their work confirmed that this was right: around half of the lessons observed in the upper primary years were judged to be unsatisfactory or poor.

Given such evidence, it is not surprising that head teachers have welcomed Mrs Shephard's initiative. They, after all, have to pick up the pieces when they find that a

newly qualified teacher cannot teach. Their perspective on life is likely, therefore, to be rather different from that of Professor Wragg and his peers.

This is not to suggest that all those involved in teacher training agree with Professor Wragg. Neither is it to deny that there are dangers in the development of a national curriculum for teacher training. This curriculum could become both hopelessly encyclopaedic and excessively prescriptive. All enthusiasts will want their particular interests to be given maximum emphasis. The usual bitter battles will be fought over how children should be taught to read or to master the rules of basic numbers.

These pitfalls can and must be avoided. Whatever is said about teaching methods must be rooted in inspection evidence, for, having inspected well over a third of the schools in England, we now have a very clear understanding about which approaches work and which do not. There is an opportunity here to achieve a new and much-needed pragmatism: a clear specification of the knowledge and professional skills which all new teachers have an entitlement to be taught and against which the effectiveness of individual training institutions will be judged.

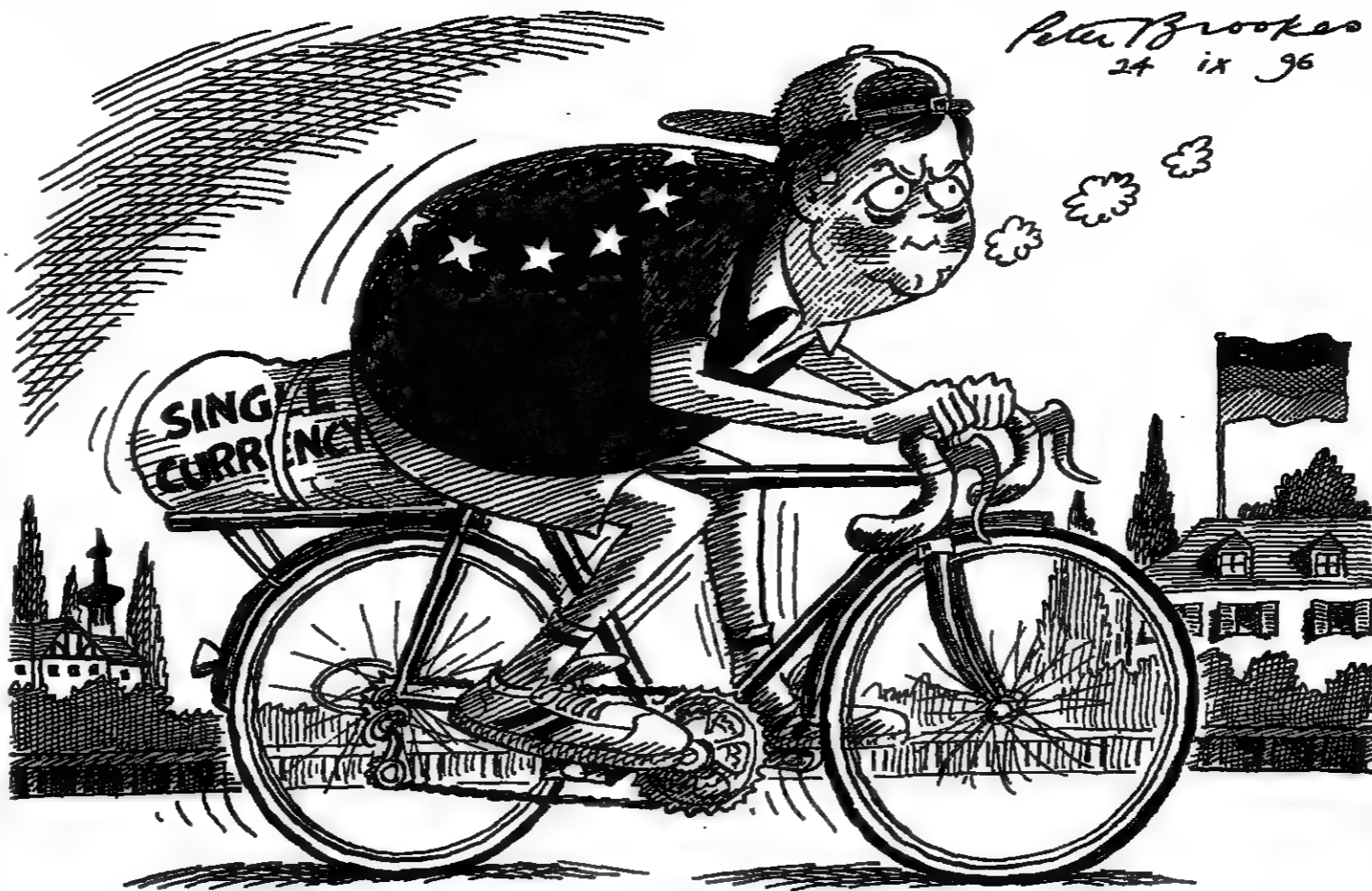
Teacher training institutions will be more accountable than they have ever been before. As in the school sector, this accountability will concentrate minds which might not otherwise have been concentrated. The creativity of new teachers need not be threatened, but any eccentricity of local provision is likely to be eliminated.

This initiative must not, however, become so all-consuming that we lose sight of other fundamental issues. Over the past few years, student teachers have been required to spend more and more time in schools. Indeed, the Government has encouraged some schools to take full responsibility for a student's training. There is an obvious logic to these developments.

Listening to an academic in the lecture hall is one thing; working alongside an expert teacher and participating in the lesson under their watchful guidance, quite another. What, though, are the implications? Do we have enough good schools so that students are exposed to excellent teachers? How do we encourage more good schools to play their proper part in the training of new entrants to the profession?

The future of the teaching profession — and the quality, therefore, of the education we can offer our children — depend upon the effectiveness of that training. We should wish the Teacher Training Agency well as it develops the new national curriculum and hope that the Government continues to keep initial teacher training very much at the heart of its drive to raise educational standards.

The author is Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools.



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A witness sorely needed

Watching Bishop Roddy's saga from Cork, I feel drawn back to the Church

There is a difference between cold logic and love — as the bishop said to the *News of the World* reporter — "and this was becoming love". Pause for tens of thousands of Roman Catholic heads to sink, moaning, into their owners' hands. Try again, bishop: think it through, take a cold bath, work it out. If your Church, your vocation, had come to represent no more than "cold logic", easily outshone by faulty human love, then you lost the plot and the faith, long ago. Religion is not cold logic: it is a greater love or it is nothing at all.

And that is the serious thing, the only important thing. Never mind any number of embarrassed cardinals, furious colleagues, sermons about Judas, debates about celibacy, or announcements by our dauntingly severe Minister for Prisons (on that well-known theological programme, *The World This Weekend*) that excommunication is the ticket. When a church becomes nothing but "cold logic" to one of its bishops, the problem is all his own.

The story of Roderick Wright is a sad one (very sad since there are four teenagers involved — one of his and three of Mrs MacPhee's) but it signifies nothing we did not know. All it tells us is that sexual infatuation makes men behave very badly indeed, forgetting duty, duty and common consideration, and then trying to cover it all up. And that if they are eminently men, the rest of us are reprehensibly interested in their shenanigans; and that eventually, some newspaper will persuade them to say breathtakingly silly things. It also shows that nobody, especially his superiors, ever believes in an eminent man's chaotic behaviour until absolutely forced to; and that out-of-control men with high public status develop an uncanny ability to kid themselves and everyone else that nothing is amiss.

None of this is remotely unfamiliar: politicians do it, headmasters do it, princes do it, celebrities do it, and then tell *Hello!* magazine how wise it made them grow. Never a day passes without some piece of dreadful sexual behaviour being exposed. The fact that it is another Catholic bishop this time must, I suppose, be put down to the operation of Buggins's Turn.

I have been in Co Cork all week, cringing at the unfolding saga through both British and Irish media. The main story diverges into plentiful side-issues. The Bishop of

Down and Connor has revealed that in his diocese there is a special panel set up for priests who have problems with the celibate life. There are claims that there are at least a hundred priests in Ireland in illicit relationships with women. The story also broke of Father Dara Molloy, of Inis Mor in the Aran Islands, who has had a bust-up with the archbishop, declared independence and founded a "Celtic Church" of his own design. This, as I understand it, will involve no Pope, outdoor services, a great deal of Irish dancing and a non-celibate clergy. Asked on the radio whether he personally has any particular woman in mind, the good Father hedged. Hohum.

Some of the familiar young Irish fury at the too-firm grip of the Catholic Church here has erupted. We hear of a support group for "recovering Catholics" who feel damaged by their upbringing. There is also a "debasement" movement in which emotionally scarred Catholics write to their diocese and demand to be taken off the baptismal register.

Meanwhile, in another part of the forest, there is a letter in one Cork publication from a young priest, plaintively saying that he is worried at the idea of ending the celibacy rule because all the single women of the parish will take it as a personal challenge and "never leave him alone". This was reinforced by another priest who said that things got bad enough in the confessional as it is, especially with Dublin girls. However, a Dublin bookmaker is offering 20-1 on a married priest by 1999 and 500-1 on a married Pope by 2005. And in the middle of it all we have copious reporting of the Pope in France, reaffirming his commitment to priestly celibacy in the words, to nuns and priests: "You give a witness sorely needed." Sorely, indeed.

The paradoxical thing is that, as an estranged cradle Catholic, I find myself curiously drawn back, this week, to the old Church. Maybe it is the effect of following this saga from a

country where the angelus bell still precedes the six o'clock main news on both radio and television, and a region where the shutters are still pulled down when a funeral passes. There is dignity in this, in an undignified world. But beyond that is a curious feeling that, despite the shambles of Bishop Roddy, despite the undoubted existence of spoilt priests and whisky priests and lecherous priests and — as Ireland has most painfully admitted to itself lately — paedophile priests: despite the undoubted harm done down the decades by overzealous ones, the Faith itself is mysteriously unharmed.

Lay and clerical Catholic voices from Scotland, after all, were touching and forgiving, humane and hopeful and innocent throughout the unfolding story. When it was thought that there was pure sympathy; when it was obvious he was with a woman, there was a reluctance to condemn; when his teenage son revealed himself it became obviously far harder for his flock and for church leaders to take, as well it might; but only when he fell into the tackiness of selling an exclusive and spouting all-for-love nonsense was the word "betrayal" first used.

As for Cardinal Winning and the other senior Scottish clergy, they may have been slow in disclosing all they knew but there were good reasons for that, not least the delicacy of the son's position and the fear of precipitating the bishop's own suicide. This is a Church, not a political party; its prime duty is to individual souls. And, by and large, the note struck by church officials has been perfectly Christian: saddened but anxious to forgive, to recall, to kindle again the faith in one confused man's heart. Their gentleness has shocked commentators less steeped in charity, but who could resist the joint statement from Cardinal Winning and his archbishop, stunned as mullets both of

them, deploring the sale of Bishop Wright's story but adding "we are glad to note, however, that he appears to be well."

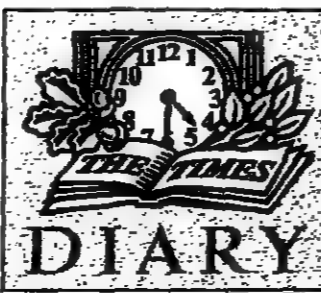
As for the matter of celibate priesthood, the Pope's words should be heard: "The demands of your vows," he said in St-Laurent-sur-Sèvre, "may appear to your contemporaries difficult to understand. Do not let this upset you." Celibacy is indeed a mystery to many in this age of avid but arid sexual obsession, and I suspect that compulsory celibacy of clergy will soon be phased out in Catholicism. Now that married Protestant clergy are being ordained when they convert there seems little basis for it, and it is probably putting off many good ordinands.

However, I hope that elective celibacy, perhaps one day in female priests, too, will endure for at least another millennium. Difficult to understand it may be, but for that reason it blazes forth, as nothing else could, the Catholic conviction that divine love transcends and contains every other love. A priest is not celibate because he loves nobody, but because he wants to love everybody, in the name of God.

If you take your eye off the Bishops of Argyll and of Galway and their assorted fallen compeers, you will see thousands of Catholic priests and nuns with all the warm blood and affectionate instincts of full human beings, living the celibate life as a gesture of a wider love. That is not unnatural: it is supernatural. I was educated in convent schools, and I have watched it at close, even claustrophobic, quarters: the fact is that while some patently can't take the strain and go off the rails, others find that depriving yourself of private domestic intimacy can create an extraordinary capacity for wise, wholehearted loving-kindness in the service of humanity at large. That the Catholic Church still honours this quixotic ideal is not something it should be ashamed of: though whether it can much longer insist on it for every priest is doubtful.

So pray, if you pray, for poor old Bishop Roddy; but do not for a minute think that his ever more visibly chequered past tells us anything to the discredit of his Church. It marches on, like an army with banners. And even those of us who, for one reason or another, cannot quite bring ourselves to fall into step feel no less inclined this week to raise a ragged cheer for it.

Libby Purves



THE CLINTON administration is beset by a new scandal: Sockgate. Socks, the most famous feline in the Western world (with apologies to Humphrey, the Downing Street cat), is creating problems. Bill Clinton is reportedly allergic to the First Cat.

Sock it to him

Symptoms include adult acne, a hoarse voice and insufferable itching. Relief comes in the form of weekly injections.

The allergy will simply add fuel to arguments about the President's health. Republican contender Bob Dole has demanded that Clinton

should make available his medical records for public inspection. Despite his considerable age (73), Dole claims that he is in better health than the present incumbent of the White House.

The *Wall Street Journal* has even suggested that, in choosing to reveal only some of his records, Clinton may be trying to hide alleged cocaine use during the 1980s.

But scrutiny of medical records Clinton has made available highlights the President's allergies. This is why he takes "Claritan D..." a desensitisation shot... as well as eye drops for allergy. A White House spokeswoman says only that the President has "many allergies, including dust and pollen". Dr Roger Mugford, moggy shrink, is worried: "Problems associated with allergies to cats include coughing and spluttering and, more rarely, skin conditions. He should send the cat to Bob Dole."



Socks: First Person allergy

bridge Wells. The backlash has begun against Archie Norman, the Asda chief who won the constituency's nomination as Conservative candidate.

Some believe he should have remained up North to fight the Harrogate constituency, now bravely manned by Norman Lamont, which has become known to some as Horrorgate on account of its war-torn majority. So strong are feelings that the cry "Archie Norman" is being substituted for the expletive "Gordon Bennett" on local building sites.

Chow mien

THE DUCHESS of York has given up on her diet, if the pictures of her swanning about China courtesy of David Tang are anything to go by. Her green velvet dress, low cut and

revealing a considerable thigh, was not the most flattering of garments.

Fashion consultants suggest that the combination of red hair and a fair skin do not lend themselves easily to the chosen Versace-esque outfit. How fortunate, then, that she appears to have decided against modelling in favour of journalism. Scribblers are not best noted for sartorial elegance.

Even manic billionaires have an Achilles' heel. Sir James Gold-



Fuller Fergie figure of fun

smith's weakness comes in the form of rubber bands. He cannot bear the sight, let alone the feel, of them — worse than nails being scraped down a blackboard. Tories in Putney, where Sir James is challenging David Mellor at the election, are being taught flicking techniques as I write.

Luggables

WHERE FASHIONABLE travel accessories are concerned, turn to Elizabeth Hurley for advice. Not for her soft pigskin valises of Louis Vuitton; the Estée Lauder girl has acquired two brass-corned, boarding-school trunks in which to pack her belongings.

According to a friend, the dark green trunks were purchased at Peter Jones, purveyor of boys' shorts and boaters for pigtailed girls. "She travels about so much that she misses the security of a fixed abode," explains my source. "She bought this sturdy luggage so that she could take her homely mementoes with her wherever she goes. Audrey Hepburn used trunks to carry her superstar clobber in the Fifties and Sixties."

Included among Elizabeth's truffles are linen sheets, and photographs of her parents and her cherished German Shepherd, Nico.



Hurley: trunkloads of space

Just as I predicted, the 17-year-old grandson of ailing Russian leader Boris Yeltsin has fallen foul of the authorities in his first month at Millfield school in Somerset. Despite protestations, he has been ordered to shave off his moustache. "He's not pleased at all," says a classmate. "To young Russians, moustaches are an indication of virility."

Splendid isolation, Mr Clarke

Anatole Kaletsky on Anglo-German rivalry over Africa

After detonating his bombshell about the "pathetic" people who reject Britain's European destiny, Kenneth Clarke flew off to America last night. He was off to the annual meetings of the Commonwealth finance ministers, the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. In the idle hours of his transatlantic flight, as he contemplates yet another week of incarceration in stuffy rooms with stuffy people, Mr Clarke should consider two intriguing contrasts between the conclusions that he reached at the meeting of European finance ministers he has just come back from in Dublin.

The first contrast is between the results of the two meetings. In Dublin the ministers were arguing, as ever, about angels on pinheads: this time, the wording of an unenforceable "stability pact" to govern tax and spending policies after European monetary union. The meeting in Washington, by contrast, is expected to agree on a new policy which will directly contribute, in a modest way, to human welfare and will provide a small but significant stimulus to world trade. The plan is to use a small part of the IMF's gold reserves, along with some other financial devices, to relieve the debts of 20 very poor developing countries which the IMF judges are making serious efforts to improve their economic management.

This plan has been eagerly demanded for years by churches and aid lobbyists, who have pointed to the inhumanity of forcing the Government of Uganda, for example, to spend five times as much on foreign debt repayments as it does on health. But debt relief also reflects a sober judgment about what is good for world finance and trade. A country such as Mozambique — where the foreign debt of \$31 per head is equivalent to four times an average citizen's entire annual income — will never repay its debts. To pretend otherwise is a fantasy which brings the entire international financial system into disrepute, as well as frustrating the efforts of the IMF and World Bank to improve economic management in the Third World.

Indeed, in the two years it has taken to negotiate the debt relief package, there has not been a single "serious argument raised against it, except by one country — Germany. This brings me to the second interesting contrast between the two ends of Mr Clarke's schedule this week.

The deal to be agreed in Washington next weekend started out as a British initiative — and one for which Mr Clarke personally deserves a great deal of credit. Britain initially had no real support for his plan. So Mr Clarke spent two years persuading America, Japan, France and others to back his plan. Germany, however, was immovable. Why did a country which claims to be more generous to the Third World than America or Britain so vehemently oppose this obviously beneficial plan?

Last June, Helmut Kohl revealed his motives. Allowing the IMF to use even a small portion of its gold reserves for the benefit of poor nations would "have a negative psychological effect", he declared. The German people were "debating" monetary issues in Europe at present. If the IMF sold gold today for the benefit of poor nations, this might be seen as a precedent for similar demands to sell Bundesbank gold in the future.

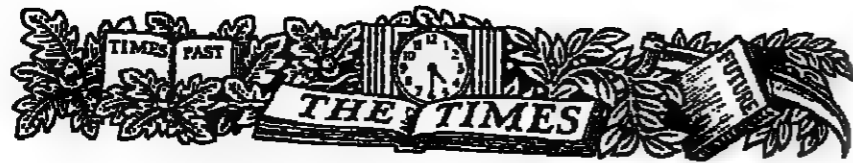
If the German Chancellor speaks of national interests in his European "partners", that is the end of the matter. Everybody else shuts up — even if he is talking irrational nonsense. That, indeed, was what happened in Dublin last weekend — no other country wanted the stability pact, but Germany insisted and so everyone agreed — and, on an epic scale, when Germany decided to recognise Croatia, precipitating the Bosnian war. How then did Mr Clarke overcome Germany's objections to the IMF gold sales? The answer is that he did not have to. Germany still opposes the Clarke plan and may vote against it in the IMF board. If so, it will simply be overruled.

There is a moral in this story, both for Britain and Mr Clarke. Whereas Germany is the dominant power in the European Union, the same is not true in the broader international arena. In the IMF, the World Bank and the United Nations, Germany is just another middle-ranking country, not significantly more important than Britain or France. Conventional wisdom in Britain asserts that this country is so small it can only influence world events through its membership of the EU. But this is manifest nonsense. When Britain has a good case, it can often prevail in an international forum by finding allies in America and Asia, as well as in Europe. It is precisely when everything has to be agreed first at the European level that Britain loses its chance to make its voice heard in the world.

If Britain had had to agree a European position that would satisfy the Germans, Mr Clarke's debt initiative would have been stifled at birth — and millions of the world's poorest people would have suffered. Now that really would have been pathetic.

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CLARKE CAN GO

The Chancellor would be little missed or mourned

Kenneth Clarke has long tested the patience of his enemies: he is now trying sorely the tolerance of his friends. With weekend words that could not be construed as careless, the Chancellor topped John Major's carefully constructed policy on European Monetary Union and with it, the strategy for reconciling the divergent wings of the Conservative Party. Yesterday the full extent of the damage in Downing Street was becoming clear.

The deal on EMU, reached last April only after lengthy argument, went as far as Mr Major could to meet halfway the concerns of a Chancellor who would dearly like Britain to be inside a monetary union. It kept open Britain's options on the single currency. It also aimed to prevent any consequent ambiguity from providing cover for a dash to membership: it built in a guarantee that should a future Cabinet ever decide to join, the Government would consult the British people in a referendum.

The Cabinet's convinced opponents of British participation in EMU would have preferred to see it ruled out for the lifetime of the next Parliament. But they honoured the bargain for the sake of unity. The Chancellor has now cavalierly breached this deal. His words at the weekend were not just an elastic reinterpretation of Cabinet policy to suit his own political agenda; they treated the policy itself with derision.

For Mr Clarke, keeping Britain's options open means a decision no later than December next year — in time to join what he calls Europe's "first division". It emphatically does not mean leaving Germany, France and other countries to go ahead without Britain: "joining late", he said flatly, would be "pathetic" and "the worst policy of all".

The Chancellor's further assertion that "you couldn't operate the European Union without a single currency" was still more reckless, this time of British rather than party interests. With just such arguments, France has been seeking sanctions to counteract the advantages of monetary flexibility

Britain could gain by staying outside EMU. Mr Clarke has undermined the medium-term British strategy for handling the EMU debate in Europe, articulated by Malcolm Rifkind in Zurich only two days earlier.

This strategy provides the best justification yet for the Cabinet compromise. Ambiguity not only keeps Britain in the fray; it allows Mr Major to insist on serious discussion about relations between the countries who would be in and out of EMU. These are discussions that Germany would prefer to keep off the agenda. Mr Rifkind's aim is to win allies in the EU for the argument that, because EMU will produce damaging divisions in the Union, its inauguration must be the subject of unanimous and enthusiastic approval.

Having lit the blue touchpaper, Mr Clarke flew off to Bermuda and Washington to commune with other finance ministers. Mr Major has been left to contain the explosions. The strength of Mr Clarke has stemmed in recent months from his general management of the economy. Until now, it has been broadly accepted even by ministers on the Right that Mr Clarke's departure from the Government would be electorally disastrous, splitting the party, damaging the voters' slowly reviving confidence in the Tories as economic managers and ruining chances of a Tory recovery before the election. But, yesterday, as the brazenness of Mr Clarke's challenge to his colleagues became clearer, the balance of risk changed.

Mr Clarke has thrown caution and honour to the winds. The most likely explanation is his knowledge that the Cabinet majority against him has hardened and that ambiguity on EMU no longer works in his favour. In July, we wrote that the Major Government needed to come off the fence on EMU. The signs are that it has done so; but that it sees Britain's interest is in not saying so. If this is a secret that Mr Clarke cannot keep, he can go. He would be less missed than he would like to think and little mourned.

TACTICS OF TERROR

A reverse for republicanism, and a reminder for politicians

Almost exactly 12 years ago Irish republicans attempted to decapitate the British Government with a bomb at the Conservative Party conference in Brighton. Providence spared most of the intended victims then. Vigilance may now have averted atrocities intended to equal and exceed that murderous attack. The security forces are to be congratulated on their capture early yesterday of IRA volunteers in England and their arsenal. They appear to have prevented violence on a massive scale timed to coincide with the party conferences.

The loss of six terrorists is a sore blow to the IRA's military capability. Since the IRA resumed hostilities, one of its men has died at his own hands, a bomb placed by Hammerrsmith Bridge has failed to detonate, a major explosives factory has been found in the Republic, seven volunteers were arrested in July and now five more have been arrested and another killed. The IRA's tactic of concentrating on the British mainland has been severely disrupted by these reverses, which have come as republicans are believed to be reviewing their strategy.

There have been reports that an IRA general army convention apparently planned for next month might discuss a cessation of violence. The revelation that acts of terror were still being planned does not, in itself, invalidate the suggestion that a ceasefire was imminent. The IRA would only wish to suspend the armed struggle from a position of strength. A "spectacular" which penetrated to the heart of the British State would assure their supporters of the republicans' undiminished capacity to fight. Having shown themselves unbowed, republicans could then walk into negotiations, their guns silenced but still eloquent. The

scale, however, of the military activity that the IRA was planning could point to a much more depressing conclusion. Since the Docklands bomb, the nature of IRA activity has implied a commitment to a protracted bombing campaign on the mainland and a desire to provoke loyalists into breaking their ceasefire. Leading republicans appear to believe that there is small chance of progress this side of looming elections in the Irish Republic and United Kingdom.

Republicans may be correct in calculating that a Fianna Fail government in Dublin would be more indulgent than John Bruton's coalition but they are on less certain ground in believing that a change at Westminster would benefit them. Speaking at the Times/Dillons forum last week Tony Blair confirmed that Northern Ireland was part of his "New Britain", underlined his support for John Major's current policy and pledged to match the effort invested in the peace process by the Prime Minister.

With massive constitutional change already planned elsewhere it is hard to see Mr Blair seeking to expose another flank by departing too far from Mr Major's cautious approach. He could, however, come under greater pressure from a re-elected President Clinton to go over the heads of the Unionist majority to deal with the republicans.

Yesterday's discovery should provide a reminder, if one were needed, of the real nature of republicanism. Whatever the result of any future election the victors in London and Dublin should pledge themselves to work with others who resolve differences by argument, not Armalites. Only when deeds as well as words show that violence is fruitless and its advocates unheard will Ulster enjoy real peace.

MORSE THE CODE

The great detective: our part in his rise to fame

So Inspector Morse's Christian name was Endeavour. Elementary. No wonder he was not keen to let his girlfriends or even his trusty sergeant in on his embarrassing secret. The final solution to Morse's name beginning with E was announced yesterday to launch what is said to be his last case.

The success of Morse has been generally traced to the classic English detective story of the golden age, the combination of Lord Peter Wimsey's intellectual charm with the cachet of spotting which Oxford colleges had been cannibalised on film. Take in the setting of ghastly events in an apparently respectable world. Contrast overindulgence in draught beer with overindulgence in Wagner on CD: and there you have Morse, created a cult detective by television, whose every episode attracted an audience 20 times more than that for all his books.

But searchers for the secret of Morse should never forget his passion for the cryptic puzzle. Crosswords and classic detective stories play the same game by teasing the solver/reader towards a solution that becomes obvious as soon as it is seen. Morse is an addict of *The Times* crossword. One novel, *The Way Through The Woods*, was built around it and showed expert knowledge of the internal workings of *The Times*. How often have crossword-setters said to us that when we have eliminated the

impossible, whatever remains: however improbable, must be the truth?

Morse could not have been called Elvis without anachronism or Eustace without bathos. The clues are all there in this last book: Morse's Quaker mother, the father with the passion for Captain Cook and their instructions to their son to try and try again. The solution, which has attracted teasing publicity and serious betting, leaps off the page — once it is explained.

There is another rule of the genre, that the hero should have an egregious first name, such as Sherlock, Hercule, Nero, Ganesh and now Endeavour, while his baffled but admiring sidekick should know his place, and have a name as common as John Watson so as not to upstage his leader. Subsequent Watsons are customarily called after dull southern English towns such as Hastings and (homophonically) Sergeant Lewis himself. Even Morse addicts are familiar with him and Mrs Lewis without knowing their first names.

Another rule is that the fictional detective sometimes becomes bigger than his creator: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle became the slave of his creation, and had to bring him back from death in the cauldron of the Reichenbach Falls. With so much popularity and money at stake, we may not yet have seen the last bow of Endeavour Morse, alias John Thaw.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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High ideals of celibacy and marriage in the priesthood

From Professor Malcolm H. Dunn

Sir, The publicity surrounding the case of Bishop Roderick Wright once again highlights a dangerous tendency in contemporary mores, particularly when the media choose to fan the flames. It is to confuse the failure of an aspirant to a high ideal with the failure of that ideal itself.

The failure of one celibate amongst many becomes, in the eyes of the media, the failure of celibacy itself as a valid religious endeavour. The failure of certain (high-profile) marriages immediately becomes the failure of marriage, the institution.

Self-righteous little-tattle endangers society's deeper values. By contrast, the dignity and charity being shown by the Roman Catholic Church in the present affair should serve as a lesson to us all.

Yours sincerely,
MALCOLM H. DUNN,
Lichfield,
Lade Bridge, St Andrews, Fife,
September 21.

From the Reverend E. Holloway

Sir, I feel as sick and hurt as anyone else, but may I make myself a little unpopular by asking about the women concerned? They speak as if they were totally innocent and totally wronged.

That the bishop and the priests concerned are more to blame I agree. They may not present themselves as tragic victims. But a woman who claims to be a practising Catholic knows that a priest has taken a binding vow as sacred as marriage. However tempted, she has a duty to say no.

If she does not, and above all if she allows an affair to proceed to other children, then she is herself living a lie as much as the priest is. She is also very guilty.

Yours sincerely,
EDWARD H. HOLLOWAY,
Catholic Church of St Ambrose,
2 Warren Park, Watlington, Surrey,
September 20.

From Sir Bryan Thwaites

Sir, Perhaps a personal anecdote from a layman may throw a little further light on the issue of celibacy, as argued in four letters, all from priests, which you published today.

Ever since my wife died, just five years ago, I have been constantly struggling with the mystery of why I

myself should go on living. One man alone has given me sufficient strength in this struggle. That man is my celibate Roman Catholic priest.

I am in no doubt that the very fact of his celibacy has enabled him to avoid the conventional mundane, man-to-man sympathies, and so to concentrate with much greater power on the eternal spiritual realities which ultimately govern our existence here on Earth.

There may come a time when there are both married and celibate Roman Catholic priests; but I know to whom I would turn in times of real personal crisis.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN THWAITES,
Mildenhall, Winchester, Hampshire,
September 18.

From the Reverend B. H. Lucas

Sir, I am tired of hearing Roman Catholic priests and bishops advocate the practice of celibacy in the priesthood because it enables the clergy to give more freely of their time to their people.

I was already an ordained Anglican priest when I married, so my wife knew what she was taking on. She understood and accepted that my vow of service to Christ in his Church would always have to come first in our marriage. For over 30 years she has supported and encouraged my priesthood; accepting my sudden departure in the middle of dinner or the night as necessary; making welcome in our home distressed souls, or temporarily homeless families; coping with long hours of solitude when I was away on church business, and at the same time bringing up three children and successfully holding down a demanding job in her own right.

All this has been more than compensated for by a vibrant, exciting and secure home life; in short, the sort of loving and caring home which many Roman Catholic priests appear to desire. Given the kind of competent, capable and Christian woman with whom I have been blessed in marriage, there seems no good reason why their Church should deny them this desire.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN THWAITES,
Pen-y-Coed, 6 Arnhem Drive,
Caythorpe, Lincolnshire,
September 18.

Disabled in court

From District Judge Gordon Ashton

Sir, In a climate of community care it might have been thought that the Woolf civil justice reforms would address the needs of physically or mentally disabled people who encounter the civil justice system. But there is little emphasis on this in the report and the accompanying draft rules, which instead concentrate upon financial inequality.

It is not sufficient that the courts may make allowances if the need arises. With cutbacks in legal aid there are more litigants in person, who do not have a solicitor to compensate for their inadequacies, and all too often the need for special provision is only realised when it is too late to respond effectively.

If judges are to be effective case managers the procedures should ensure that they are informed, at an early stage, of the existence of any disability that may impair effective participation by a party in the proceedings.

Following awareness training as to the implications of different disabilities, judges would be in a position to give appropriate directions in furtherance of the overriding objective of ensuring that the parties are on an equal footing. This might involve, for example, transfer of the case to another court with suitable facilities, requiring documents to be produced in enlarged form, the provision of assistance with communication or simply allowing longer time estimates.

Unless this is done, our civil courts could find themselves out of step with the Disability Discrimination Act, and it will not be true access to justice for all.

Yours sincerely,
G. R. ASHTON (Member,
Law Society's Mental Health and
Disability Sub-committee),
The Law Courts, Preston, Lancashire,
September 17.

Age discrimination

From the Director of the Carnegie Third Age Programme

Sir, Mr Eric Bellamy (letter, September 17; see also letters September 12, 14, 19) usefully reminds us that the United Kingdom's record on age discrimination is worse than that of other EU member states.

The Commission of the EU is well placed to give a lead to all of us in matters of employment policy. How ironic therefore that the Commission itself imposes and defends mandatory age limits for many of its own jobs (a maximum of age 35 in some cases, even 32 in others).

Now that many employers, political parties and governments are starting to recognise the folly and waste of age discrimination, it is not time for the Commission to accept that there can be no justification for such arbitrary exclusion?

Surely we should expect the Commission, of all institutions, to show by its own policies that each of us deserves to be considered for employment, training and promotion on merits as individuals, and that it is unfair and wasteful to make assumptions about our ability simply on grounds of our age.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD WORSLEY, Director,
The Carnegie Third Age Programme,
PO Box 160, Burnham Norton,
Kings Lynn, Norfolk,
September 20.

Welsh chapels

From Mrs Catherine Porteous

Sir, The trustees of the National Heritage Memorial Fund have had talks with the Welsh Chapels Trust and other interested bodies about the plight of Welsh chapels to see how the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), in association with the Welsh Historic Monuments Agency (Cadw), can help to avert the impending disaster so graphically described by Simon Jenkins (article, September 7; letters, September 20).

The support of such a vital part of the heritage of Wales must be a priority.

In spite of these contacts, we have not so far received as many applications from Welsh chapels as we had expected, although nearly one third of all applications to the Heritage Lottery Fund have come from places of worship.

Since it opened for business in January 1995, the fund has supported more than 100 churches with grants amounting to nearly £10 million.

The National Heritage Memorial Fund, the body which distributes the

From Dr Chris Pond

Sir, In the Anglican and Free Churches, generations of ministers' wives — and now husbands — have made an inestimably valuable contribution to the Church's ministry.

The duties of one Primitive Methodist minister's wife, as well as her work as wife and mother, were described in the local records of an east London church in 1910 as:

leading the Band of Hope, promoting Christian Endeavour, teaching the Sunday School, and supporting the minister in all his work, as well as being ever ready when the circuit stewards came to assess the dilapidations on the Manse.

So it continues today: the wife of our new Methodist minister here has already started a new fellowship group, assists with another, runs the mother-and-toddler group and contributes greatly to her husband's mission.

The Catholic Church should conduct a value-for-money audit on its and other churches' clergy. It might find it would get two ministries — equally valuable — for the price of one.

And yes, the manse was renovated last year...

Yours &c,
CHRIS POND,
Forest Villa,
Staples Road, Loughton, Essex,
September 18.

From Professor H. MacL. Currie

Sir, There is a typical Anglican saying, often applied to the subject of sacramental confession, that could probably with advantage be adopted by the Roman hierarchy with regard to marriage amongst priests: "None must, some should, all may."

Yours truly,
H. MACL. CURRIE,
25 West Street, Yarm, Cleveland,
September 18.

From Mrs Jillian Woolcock

Sir, I suspect that some of the very people who normally advocate divorce and unmarried cohabitation, are now fervently advocating marriage. But only for Catholic priests?

Yours faithfully,
J. WOOLCOCK,
Ca'n Flor, Calle Son Ferrerret 36,
Génova 07015, Palma de Mallorca,
September 22.

On your motorbike

From Mr Daniel Ascher

Sir, As a recent convert to the benefits of commuting to work by motorcycle — the benefits including reduced costs, travelling time, stress and dependence on an inadequate public transport system — I welcome the Liberal Democrats' proposal (report and leading article, September 21) to encourage motorcycle use.

In recent years the training requirements to gain a full motorcycle licence have been enhanced, with beneficial effects on casualty rates. But with the exception of a theory test and a parking test, the training requirements for car drivers have not been changed and are quite inadequate for today's motoring conditions.

If the benefits of motorcycle use are to be enjoyed in safety by larger numbers of riders, it is essential that the general standard of driving is enhanced through better driver training. Will the Liberal Democrats include this requirement in their discussion paper?

Yours faithfully,
DANIEL ASCHER,
33 Collins Drive,
Eastcote, Middlesex,
September 21.

Animal insights

From Mr John Burton

Sir, I feel mean to belittle Scruffy's apparently psychic achievements (Mr Simon Doughty's letter, September 16; see also letters September 12) but the truth is more prosaic.

Dogs are sensitive to atmosphere and the impending return of wanderers from Australia would have given rise to unusual preparations and numerous conversations, not least at the moment of their departure from Brisbane. Familiar words — mummy, daddy, home, coming, etc. — would have caused Scruffy to head for the door.

Since animals are, in Shakespeare's ungallant words, beasts without "discourse of reason", the family pet would have ignored abstracts such as "tomorrow" and begun her vigil of 25 hours, less down-time for eating and sleeping.

All domestic animals are exposed to an endless jumble of words and music etc, but the dog may be particularly well tuned in to filtering the sounds of the pack.

I once mentioned to my wife that we might expect a visit from our Portuguese friend, Antonio. The slumbering wolfskin rose instantly to his feet and let out a fearsome bark. This was not paranormal, but he got a Bonio just the same.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BURTON,
27 Treadgold Street, W11,
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From Mr John English

Sir, Has there ever been a better example of an organisation practising what it preaches than that of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, advertising, as it did in today's edition of *The Times*, for two Deputy Chairmen?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ENGLISH,
Wychwood House,
Little Barrington, Oxfordshire,
September 19.

Liverpool's gains from slave trade

From the Director of the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside

Sir, In your report on the tours arranged by the Merseyside Maritime Museum of the sites associated with Liverpool's involvement in the slave trade (September 9; see also letters, September 18) you quoted a local historian who suggests that the importance of the slave trade for Liverpool's prosperity has been overstated.

Whether we like it or not, the buying and selling of Africans was the cornerstone of Liverpool's overseas trade from 1730 to 1807. More than a quarter of Liverpool-owned shipping tonnage was involved in the trade between 1750 and 1775. One of the exhibits in the Maritime Museum's striking new gallery on transatlantic slavery is a silver epergne presented in 1792 to James Penny, a Liverpool merchant in the slave trade, by a grateful town council in recognition of his fight against the abolitionists.

Other critics of the tours are quoted in your report as suggesting they impart a negative image of the city, harm inward investment and encourage shame and guilt on the part of citizens today. In fact the tour guides go out of their way to promote the positive aspects of Liverpool, and reflect on the benefits that flowed from the prosperity created in part by the slave trade. It is important for the future that the city is able to confront its past with confidence and without rancour. As the American writer and poet, Dr Maya Angelou, declared at the opening ceremony for the new gallery: "In telling this story neither guilt on one side nor bitterness on the other are appropriate."

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD FOSTER, Director,
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William Brown Street, Liverpool,
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OBITUARIES

DOROTHY LAMOUR

Dorothy Lamour, film actress, died in Hollywood yesterday aged 81. She was born on December 10, 1914.

Dorothy Lamour delighted filmgoers of the 1930s and 1940s in her roles as a South Seas siren who, with raven hair and an exotic flower slipped behind her ear, appeared on screen swathed only in a sarong. She is best remembered as the foil to Bob Hope and Bing Crosby in the series of *Road* comedies which, starting with *The Road to Singapore* before the war, united the three actors into one of the most successful teams in film history.

Slim of stature and with dark, tranquil eyes and a sweetly mellow voice, she enjoyed for many years a reputation as one of Hollywood's most glamorous leading ladies.

Lamour was a limited actress, more effective as a comedienne and singer than in straight drama. But she knew her limitations and viciously lampooned the skimpily dressed roles in which she became typecast. She was first invited to wear the sarong — one and a half yards of tropical printed cotton wound around her body — on her film debut in *The Jungle Princess*.

Though she protested that her hips were too big, her shoulders too narrow and her toes too long, she captured the imagination of all who saw her. Indeed, Lamour did for the sarong what Brigitte Bardot was to do for the bikini a decade later. "I made 60 motion pictures and only wore the sarong in about six," Lamour said, "but it became a kind of trademark."

Dorothy Lamour was born Mary Leita Dorothy Kaumeyer in New Orleans. The sultry beauty that was to make her one of the most popular actresses in Hollywood was

apparent from an early age and at 17 she won the Miss Orleans contest. Though she worked for a while as a lift operator at the Marshall Field store in Chicago, she soon went on to become a dance band and radio singer, with her own show on NBC.

In 1936 she went to Hollywood, under contract to Paramount and, after launching her career with *The Jungle Princess* (1936), she went on to appear in films with Carole Lombard and Jack Benny. In 1937 she took the female lead in John Ford's island melodrama *The Hurricane*. It was her first chance to work with a leading Hollywood director, though she had little to do but look decorative and play second fiddle to a spectacular studio-created storm.

The *Road* series was launched in 1940 with *Road to Singapore*. The success of the films was due to the natural chemistry of the three leads and a slapstick humour in which many of the wisecracks were spontaneous. The formula was essentially the same, an exotic foreign setting with Hope and Crosby competing for Lamour's affections and Hope being always the loser. With the comedy becoming steadily more crazy, later *Road* films took the trio as far afield as Zanzibar, Morocco, Rio, Bali and even Utopia.

Lamour also appeared with Hope and Crosby separately, and made a number of minor musicals. But her ventures as a straight actress were less successful and her limited repertoire shortened her career.

After playing a circus artiste in Cecil B. De Mille's *The Greatest Show on Earth* (1952) and making what was intended to be the last of the *Road* pictures, *Road to Bali* (1952), she virtually retired from films in 1952.

She did not make any new movies for nearly ten years during which time she appeared in occasional cabaret



The Road to Morocco: the sultry Lamour as the perennial foil to Bob Hope and Bing Crosby

acts and on television, meanwhile bringing up the two sons of her second marriage at home. But she was lured back in front of the cameras for the filming of the *Road to Hong Kong* (1962). Since Lamour was by this time approaching 50, the female lead went to Joan Collins and Lamour's first refusal to appear, insulted that she was to be given only four lines to speak and just one song to sing. She

accepted the part only when it had been especially extended for her.

In 1963 she worked for John Ford again on *Donovan's Reef*, yet another South Seas adventure, with John Wayne and Lee Marvin. She looked as good as ever but it was little more than a guest appearance. By this time she was turning more and more to the stage. Her most successful venture was playing Dolly Levi in a

touring production of the musical *Hello Dolly*. In less than a year she covered 28,000 miles and played in 91 cities.

She also appeared in Noel Coward's *Fallen Angels* and revivals of *Pulchra*, *Can Can* and *Anything Goes*. She was also frequently seen on American television doing guest spots in *The Love Boat*, *Murder, She Wrote*, and a few Bob Hope specials. Still slender and elegant even in old age,

she ran a successful cosmetics company in California.

Her autobiography, *My Side of the Road*, appeared in 1980.

Her first marriage to the band leader Herbie Kaye was dissolved in 1939. In 1943 she married William Ross Howard, a millionaire businessman, and they had two sons. Howard, who became her manager, died in 1978. She is survived by her two sons.

OTTO LUENING

Otto Luening, American composer, died in New York on September 2 aged 96. He was born on June 15, 1900.

ALONG with his better-known contemporaries Aaron Copland, Roger Sessions, George Antheil and Henry Cowell, the composer Otto Luening helped to develop a distinctively American strain of 20th-century music. But though he wrote more than 350 pieces in a wide variety of styles, it is probably for his pioneering role in the development of electronic music that he will chiefly be remembered. Together with the Russian-born composer Vladimir Ussachevsky, Luening is credited with presenting the first American concert of music

using tape or electronics, on October 28, 1952, at the Museum of Modern Art in New York. The works performed on that occasion, in a programme conducted by Leopold Stokowski, included Ussachevsky's *Sonic Contours* and Luening's own engaging *Fantasy in Space*, which was based on the sounds of the flute (he himself had trained as a flautist).

Over the next 15 years Luening went on to write, either alone or with Ussachevsky, more than 20 experimental works for synthesizer and tape, sometimes in combination with acoustic instruments. This led in 1960 to the formal foundation of the Columbia-Princeton Electronic Music Centre, the first facility of its kind in the United States

and for many years the most important.

The historical significance of Luening's electronic experiments has tended to overshadow his other achievements. He was an accomplished and often original composer and, whatever the medium, his interest was always in new musical possibilities, rather than in technology for its own sake. In fact he reverted, in the late 1960s, to writing mainly for conventional instruments, and in his 1980 autobiography, *The Odyssey of an American Composer*, he devoted only a single chapter to his work with electronics. His long career was as varied as his works are eclectic.

Otto Clarence Luening was born in Milwaukee. His mother was a singer, his father a conductor, pianist and teacher. Of German descent, the family left America in 1912 for Munich, where Luening studied at the Staatliche Hochschule für Musik and where, at the age of 16, he made his debut as a flautist.

In 1917 the family moved to Zurich. There Luening continued his studies, while playing the flute at the opera and in the Tonhalle Orchestra under Richard Strauss and Arthur Nikisch; he also worked for a time as an actor and stage manager with James Joyce's English Players Company. It was in Zurich that he became acquainted with the innovative composer and pianist Ferruccio Busoni, whose wide-ranging musical curiosity and compulsive experimentation were to be an enduring inspiration to him.

In 1920 Luening returned to America, settling first in Chicago, where he conducted the American Grand Opera Company, played chamber music, accompanied silent films, arranged hymns for export to Japan, and taught.

During the following two decades he held teaching posts at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, where he was executive director of the opera department and conductor of the Rochester American Opera Company; at the University of Arizona; and at Bennington College in Vermont. In 1944 he moved to Columbia University, where he remained until 1970.

At Columbia he played a key role in the development of modern American opera, overseeing the performance of some 40 new works and himself conducting such important premieres as those of Gian Carlo Menotti's *The Medium* and Virgil Thomson's *The Mother of Us All*. His own sole venture into operatic composition, *Evangelina*, based on a poem by Longfellow and originally written in 1930-32, was revised and premiered there in 1948.

Approachable and undogmatic both in his music and in person, Luening did much to further the cause of new music in America. He helped to found the American Composers Alliance, the American Music Centre and the record label Composers Recordings Inc., still an important outlet for contemporary music.

As a teacher he played a part in the careers of composers as diverse as John Kander, who wrote the music for *Cabaret*, and John Corigliano, whose *The Ghosts of Versailles* is one of the most successful operas of recent years.

A striking, upright figure, with an impressive handlebar moustache, Luening was still teaching part-time at the Juilliard School in his mid-seventies, and he continued to compose until well into his nineties. He is survived by his second wife, Catherine.

JOHN GORMAN

John Gorman, QC, Crown Court recorder and deputy High Court judge, died on August 23 aged 69. He was born on June 29, 1927.

JOHN GORMAN played a prominent role in the trial that followed the murder 18 years ago of the newspaper boy Carl Bridgewater, the repercussions of which are still being felt today. He defended Patrick Molloy, whose signed confession to being at the scene of the crime remains central to the continuing controversy.

Molloy, who was jailed for ten years for manslaughter, died in prison in 1981. Eight years later, however, the three other men given life sentences for murder appealed against their convictions — citing Gorman's conduct of the defence for Molloy. They tried to claim that he had ignored his client's instructions by failing to challenge the validity of the "confession".

The three men lost their appeal and Gorman was completely exonerated in court — but not until after he had had to give lengthy evidence and be closely cross-examined by their counsel.

A deeply conscientious man who was known for his meticulous research, Gorman was profoundly upset by the experience. He died, moreover, with the knowledge that a second appeal was being prepared and that he could be required to give further evidence.

John Peter Gorman, the son of a successful Edinburgh accountant (and devout Roman Catholic), was head boy at Stonyhurst College before being commissioned into the Royal Artillery at the end of the Second World War. On being demobilised three years later, he read Mods and Greats at Balliol College, Oxford, before being called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1953.

Gorman practised on the Midlands and Oxford Circuit, operating from chambers in Birmingham and concentrating on civil cases in his early years. On moving to London after talking silk in 1974, however, he switched to the Criminal Bar.

Deputy chairman of Northamptonshire Quarter Sessions, 1970-71, he became a recorder of the Crown Court after the 1972 reorganisation of the judiciary. He also served as chairman of the Agricultural Lands Tribunal in the East Midlands for a total of ten years.

He was elected head of his chambers in 1977 and a bench-

er of the Inner Temple in 1983. In addition, he served from time to time as a deputy judge in the High Court, which renewed his contact with the civil law.

As a barrister Gorman appeared in some of the most publicised trials of his time. Among them was that following the death of Jasmine Beckford 11 years ago, in which he defended her mother Beverly Lorrington, who was subsequently jailed for 18 months on two charges of wilful neglect.

In recent years he took on a number of serious fraud cases, demonstrating an aptitude for figures which had been perhaps inherited from his father. He enjoyed a high success rate at the Bar, impressing juries not by any displays of histrionics but by his courtesy towards witnesses and his complete mastery of his briefs.

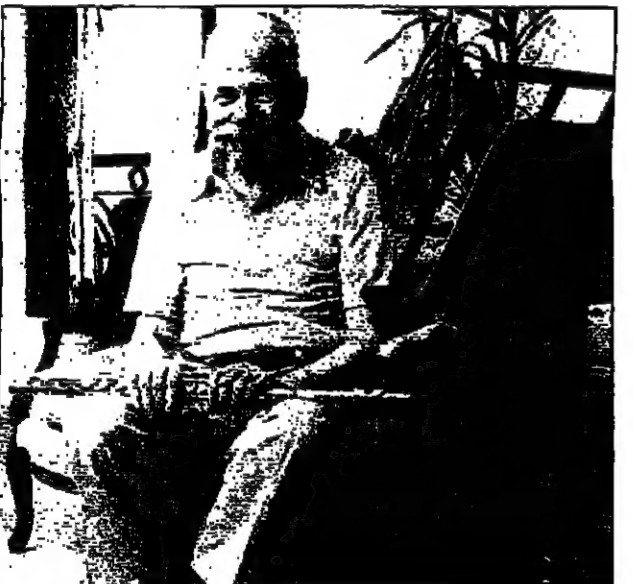
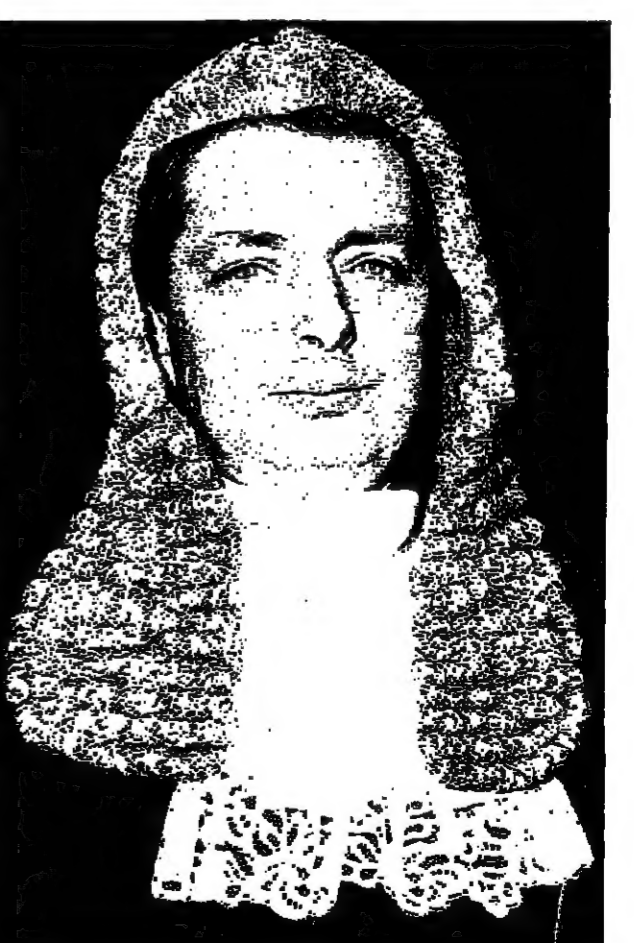
As a pupil master he stressed to young barristers the central importance of "re-connaissance" and planning — preferably carried out over "a large malt whisky, chosen after careful deliberation and consultation of the *Mail Whisky Almanac*". His kindness and politeness in court always paid dividends. After giving evidence and before collapsing with a heart attack, a witness anxiously inquired on one famous occasion: "Did I do all right for you, Mr Gorman?"

He sometimes won over the jury by his humour. Throughout one case in which he appeared for the prosecution on a particularly cold day, he persistently referred to the defendants as "the three brass monkeys". He was later presented with a statuette of three brass monkeys by fellow barristers.

Out of court, Gorman was a private, self-questioning man who always worked prodigiously hard. His recreations included painting and photography, sailing, golf and walking — around Pembrokeshire, in the Lake District and along the Pennines.

He loved music, especially chamber music, and could play the piano and the violin. He also adored travelling for the sake of it, but had spent much of the last three years restoring the house which he had bought in the Derbyshire Dales. A restless, active man, he rarely, if ever, sat down doing nothing.

His first wife Avril died in 1978 after a long battle against cancer. John Gorman, who died after a stroke only four months after retiring from the Bar, is survived by his second wife Pat, herself a barrister, and by three daughters and a son from his first marriage.



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POISON DANGER FROM CAR EXHAUSTS

Dr. H. A. des Voeux, in his presidential address at the fourth conference of the National Smoke Abatement Society at Newcastle-on-Tyne yesterday, drew attention to some dangers caused by carbon monoxide from the exhausts of motor-cars.

"It is not generally known," he said, "that an ordinary car running at about 30 miles an hour emits one cubic foot of this deadly gas per minute. Every motor-car owner knows how unsafe it is to allow the engine of a car to be running with the door of a garage closed; but what is unknown is what danger there is in large garages where many cars are started within a short time of one another. I should be grateful if some Medical Officer of Health would cause systematic examinations to be made of the blood of those whose occupation confines them to garages.

"Another question which urgently needs answering is. Is there such a thing as chronic carbon-monoxide poisoning? What is the effect on still days of this gas on occupants of cars when in a long time of traffic? So far none has been traced, but I have a strong suspicion that cases such as one I will quote are not so uncommon as is generally supposed."

ON THIS DAY

September 24, 1932

Nothing new about warnings on the effect of breathing the fumes from car exhausts. More than 60 years ago the National Smoke Abatement Society was suggesting that, on still days, drivers caught in traffic jams were liable to carbon monoxide poisoning.

Dr. des Voeux then told of a man of his acquaintance who collapsed after driving on a cold day in a closed car with all windows but one closed, behind a lorry which was emitting excessive exhaust fumes in a narrow lane. He became nearly unconscious. His blood showed the usual signs of carbon-monoxide poisoning, but had not the man's chauffeur suffered the same evening from violent headache the driver's illness would have been considered an ordinary attack of syncope or faintness, for which he was actually treated.

The elimination of the smoke nuisance would mean the disappearance, or at any rate

AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS

SYDNEY, SEPT. 23

The Cricket Board of Control decided today not to select for the coming Test Matches any cricketer who contributes to the Press comments on the play in any first-class match or on the prospects of players for selection. The Board exempts cricketers who are professional journalists, but the exemption does not cover D. G. Bradman, W. M. Woodfull, W. H. Ponsford, C. V. Grimmett or W. H. Oldfield, who have all been contributors to the Press.

Bradman has a current contract with the Sun. He stated today that he intends to fulfil his contract. Therefore, if the Board has said its last word he will not be available for the Test Matches. The Sun states that it will not stand unreasonably in the way of Bradman's playing in the Test Matches.

Scottish market offering better value for money



THE team selection of the weekly winner of Interactive Team Football provides a timely reminder that it is still possible to select home-grown players and do well in the game. Mr D. Milton, a Sky entrant, scored 42 points last week, with such cosmopolitan names as Scott, Newsome and Cotton in his team.

The most successful players in ITF this season have all been astute buyers in the Scottish market. The addition of Scottish League premier-division players to ITF has brought in a number of cheaper players who are often much better value than their English counterparts. Mr Milton has three from Scotland in his team, for example.

The overall race for £50,000 is still being led by Mr J. Staskiewicz, of the Isle of Man, who is nine points clear. Mr Milton's team is:

Goalkeeper
A Cotton (Sunderland)

Full backs
M Bowen (West Ham)
M Scott (Sunderland)

Central defenders
J Newsome (Sheffield Wed)
K Monkou (Southampton)

Midfield players
A Thom (Celtic)
J Barnes (Liverpool)
G McSwegan (Dundee Utd)
J Cruyff (Manchester Utd)

Strikers
G Vialli (Chelsea)
I Wright (Arsenal)

Manager
W Smith (Rangers)



Patrik Berger, left, has scored four goals in his first two matches for Liverpool. Should he be in your ITF team?



It is early days, but if your team could be doing better, with your players lacking form and fitness, you can move into the transfer market to improve your fortunes. You can use the ITF transfer system which allows you to

change up to two players each week and to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Cup, Premiership or Bell's Scottish League premier division.

You can make transfers only by telephone. Using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone), call the 0891 866 968 line during the times given. From outside the United Kingdom, you must call 0044 990 200 668.

When making a transfer, you must ensure that the team does not contain more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club.

If you are lagging behind the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the chase for the prizes — the overall £50,000, monthly £1,000 or weekly £250.

□ All Interactive Team Football transfer queries should be directed to 0171-757 7016. All other inquiries can be made on 01582 488 122.

HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS IN ITF

All 1995-7 matches in the FA Cup, Premiership, FA Cup, Bell's Scottish League premier division and Tennent's Scottish Cup from August 17 count for points. Penalty shootouts do not count but results decided in this way will count for transfers.

POINTS SCORED			
Goalkeeper	4pts	Striker	3pts
Keeps clean sheet*	3pts	Saves goal	1pt
Sevens penalty	1pt	All players	1pt
Full back/Central defender	3pts	Scored last-trick	6pts
Keeps clean sheet*	3pts	Manager	3pts
Scored goal	3pts	Team wins	3pts
Midfield player	3pts	Team draws	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	1pt		
Scored goal	2pts		

POINTS DEDUCTED			
Goalkeeper	2pts	Booked	1pt
Concedes goal	1pt	Concedes penalty	1pt
Full back/Central defender	1pt	Misses penalty	1pt
Concedes goal	1pt	Scored own goal	1pt
All players	3pts	Manager	1pt
Scored off	1pt	Team loses	1pt

* Must have played for 75 minutes in the match
* Must have played for 45 minutes in the match



ENTER TIMES ITF BY TELEPHONE THERE ARE BIG PRIZES TO BE WON EVERY WEEK AND EVERY MONTH

The Manager of the Week and the Manager of the Month are up for grabs from now until the end of the season. You could be a winner of either by entering a team today. The Manager of the Week or Month can be won by any team no matter where it is in the league, the prize for the Manager of the Week or Month simply goes to the person whose team scores the highest points in any one week or month.

The prize for the Manager of the Week is £250 cash, plus a £250 Sports Gift Voucher for an amateur football team in your community — as nominated by you. The Manager of the Month will receive £1,000 cash.

You can still be a big winner in ITF. To enter today, just follow the instructions below.

Enter ITF by phone on **0891 405 011**

If telephoning from outside the United Kingdom, call 44 990 100 320

1. You must use a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone).
2. Choose 1 goalkeeper, 2 full backs, 2 central defenders, 4 midfielders, 2 strikers and a manager.
3. Do not spend more than £35 million.
4. Do not choose more than two individuals (2 players or 1 player and 1 manager) from any one football club.
5. Once you have chosen your team, call the entry line, above, and follow these step-by-step instructions.
 - a) You must tap in (not speak) the full set of selections (using the five-digit player codes) for each of your 11 chosen players and your manager.
 - b) You must speak the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) your name, address, with postcode, and daytime telephone number.
 - c) Finally, you will be given a ten-digit personal identification number (PIN) at the end of the call. You must keep a note of this number and your chosen team as no postal notification will be sent.

0891 calls cost 39p per minute cheap rate and 49p per minute at all other times. Your call will cost approximately double if made from a pay phone. In the event of there being more than one Manager of the Week or Month, the winner will be chosen at random. All ITF rules apply, a copy of which will be made available on request.

PLAY ITF ON-LINE

Play on-line to win all the great ITF prizes, including the £50,000 first prize. Plus play for special Internet prizes, such as the £1,000 top prize and the £250 monthly prize. You can also check your position in the internet league instantly, on-line.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Enter The Times Internet Edition at <http://www.the-times.co.uk>
2. Look for the special ITF button.
3. Entry on-line costs £7.50, payable only by credit card. This allows you to make transfers for the entire season.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ONLINE ENTRIES IS MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 1996

HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER IN ITF

Call 0891 866 968

If telephoning from outside the United Kingdom call 44 990 200 668.

You may make transfers only by telephone using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone). You will need your ten-digit selector PIN, which you will have to tap in, not speak. Follow the simple instructions and tap in the five-digit codes of the players you are transferring.

You may only make transfers in one team per telephone call. If you have entered two teams and want to make transfers in both, you must make two separate calls.

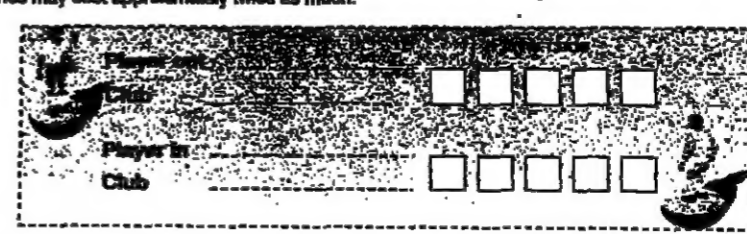
You may transfer two (but no more than two) individuals (two players or one player and a manager) during a transfer week. A player being transferred out must be replaced by one from the same category and you must keep to the team format of a goalkeeper, two full backs, two central defenders, four midfield players, two strikers and a manager. You must not exceed the £35 million budget and have no more than two individuals from the same club. Incorrect transfers will be rejected and your team will remain in its previous form.

The transfer week runs from 00.01 on Tuesday to midnight the following Monday. Transfers made before noon each day will become effective immediately. Transfers made after noon will become effective for matches played after noon on the following day.

Your new player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The current score of the player transferred out remains part of your team score but he then ceases to score for you.

If a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may affect the composition of your team. You must adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on points.

Calls will be charged at 39p per minute cheap rate, 49p per minute at other times. Calls made from public telephones may cost approximately twice as much.



THIS WEEK'S TRANSFERS			
3204	IN	Gordon Pirie	Rangers £2.5m
5010	IN	Billy Dodds	Aberdeen £3.00m
6263	IN	Iain Murray	Ruthie £3.5m
33002	MOVED	Andy Thom	Hearts £0.75m
		(from Wimbledon)	
23005	OUT	Gary Elkins	Wimbledon £0.25m
42007	OUT	Garry McMahon	Tottenham Hotspur £0.50m

THE LEADING 250 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL GAME

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1	NST Monks	(J Staskiewicz)	184
2	Pin Ups Two	(P Tustin)	156
3	West Wanderers	(S West)	151
4	Nobby 34	(J Brown)	150
5	Plan BFC	(R Ayres)	149
6	Sophia And Sam	(A Jones)	149
7	Alcazar Villa	(M Jones)	149
8	Flying Foreigners	(D Thomas)	149
9	Hutton Hotspur	(P Sheridan)	148
10	Mean Machine	(P Ford)	148
11	The Trawler	(G Barnister)	148
12	Beat Of The Best	(R Ruparula)	147
13	Caroline 2	(A Luckhurst)	147
14	Dit	(D Findlay)	147
15	Sky Times III	(L McCullough)	147
16	Thompson's XI	(G Thompson)	147
17	Arrogant FC	(F K Taylor)	146
18	Where's Ray Gone?	(P Fromm)	145
19	Non Englishmen XI	(J McNamee)	145
20	Nobby 5	(J Brown)	145
21	Beyond Fault	(P Foster)	145
22	Hearing Berg Kick 1	(I Munn)	145
23	Into Goal	(G Lippett)	145
24	Keltic Warriors	(D Concanon)	145
25	Plastic Tigers 10	(I Feenley)	145
26	Natschova's Team	(N Engel)	145
27	Todd Utd	(I M Todd)	145
28	Spring City	(A L Collins)	145
29	Diggers	(V Cox)	144
30	Nobby 30	(J Brown)	144
31	Brill XI	(R Sagar)	144
32	Wizards Of Oz	(P Osborn)	144
33	Le Bouff And 2 Veg	(M Sawley)	144
34	Dutch Courage	(R van Ruitenbeek)	143
35	Snappears United	(W Gayler)	143
36	Foreign Fury	(S Syme)	143
37	Foreign Legion	(K Rowling)	143
38	Europe United	(P O'Donnell)	143
39	Thom Foolery FC	(M Horan)	143
40	Goofy's 2nd 11	(P Muldoon)	142
41	A2	(P Ferrell)	142
42	Moldova	(I Aldous)	142
43	Storm	(P Mills)	142
44	On The Up Two	(J Corfield)	142
45	The Foreign Legion	(S Allen)	142
46	4 & 2	(R Browne)	142
47	Team Goals	(S Farnaby)	142
48	White Feathers	(M Catchpole)	142
49	Synod's Boys	(H Melbourne)	142
50	Matthews XI	(M Cairn)	142
51	Sitting Ducks	(M Jones)	142
52	Harrison's Dream Team	(P Thornton)	142
53	Evans Above FC	(A Crank)	142
54	Beeston Celtic	(B McGivern)	141
55	Little Dons	(P Hoyle)	141
56	James Boys Three	(M Jones)	141
57	Watch Out United	(I Kaderhoy)	141
58	AFC Domestica	(G Singh Mangat)	141
59	Bader's Babes	(M Bader)	141
60	Champions Elect	(L Penco)	141
61	Soccer Superstars	(J McCollin)	141
62	Ginger	(T P Lash)	141
63	John Hunt Taunton H	(J Hunt)	140
64	Hull Red Devils	(G Foster)	140
65	Albion Harries XI	(A Hyne)	140
66	Essex Eagles 96 FC	(C Jennings)	140
67	Leasowe One	(M Price)	140
68	Uni Boys Utd 1	(B Gardner)	140
69	Toto Calcio	(A Daye)	140
70	Class 1	(R J Weston)	140

FIND OUT HOW YOUR TEAM IS DOING



Call the ITF hotline on **0891 864 643**

Outside UK: 44 990 100 343

Check your points total and your ranking. You need a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) and your ten-digit selector PIN. Calls made from public telephones may cost approximately twice as much.

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
71	Friends 36	(R Fyfe)	139
72	Look Out Andy Gray	(R Dawson)	139
73	FC Very Much So	(A P Howard)	139
74	Cheer Up Greenes	(J Wright)	139
75	North's Ark	(G P Dolan)	139
76	Seraphina	(G Brown)	139
77	Erwin On Jucus F	(N Har)	139
78	Carless Whisper	(L Geary)	139
79	Smallbone Rovers	(A Bowd)	139
80	ABC	(M Baber)	139
81	He	(H Somerville)	139
82	Erins And Helen	(G Linsley)	139
83	Green's Park	(A Green)	139
84	Copsey Cougars	(P Bray)	139
85	Shack Attack	(R Shackleton)	139
86	Priddy Rangers	(J Palmer)	139
87	Perry's Power 8	(S Jones)	139
88	John Hunt Taunton E	(J Hunt)	139
89	Staffie	(J Longstaff)	139
90	AB 4	(A Boyland)	139
91	Polly's Pride	(G Linsley)	139
92	Beyond Care	(P Foster)	139
93	Glen Duffers	(S Wilson)	139
94	The Triple Double	(I Rahim)	139
95	Perfecto Allstars	(A Plano)	139
96	Bumble XI	(G Boylan)	139
97	Art's Allstars	(A Bang)	139
98	Yeasman All	(B Irl)	139
99	Beacrossfield AFC	(M Shoulton)	139
100	Slaven's Wonders	(S Montgomery)	139
101	Delphin Stars	(D Bowler)	139
102	Latent Manager	(J Hunt)	139
103	United Reserves 2	(J Robinson)	139
104	Florio's Left Foot	(A Ozone)	139
105	Lesley's Legmen	(L Michaels)	139
106	The Foreign Legion	(A Cheung)	139
107	Tob's Toppers	(A Tabbatt)	139
108	RBL Rangers	(T Chapman)	139
109	Wollaton Wolves	(D Garrod)	139
110	The Italian Job	(A Kneen)	139

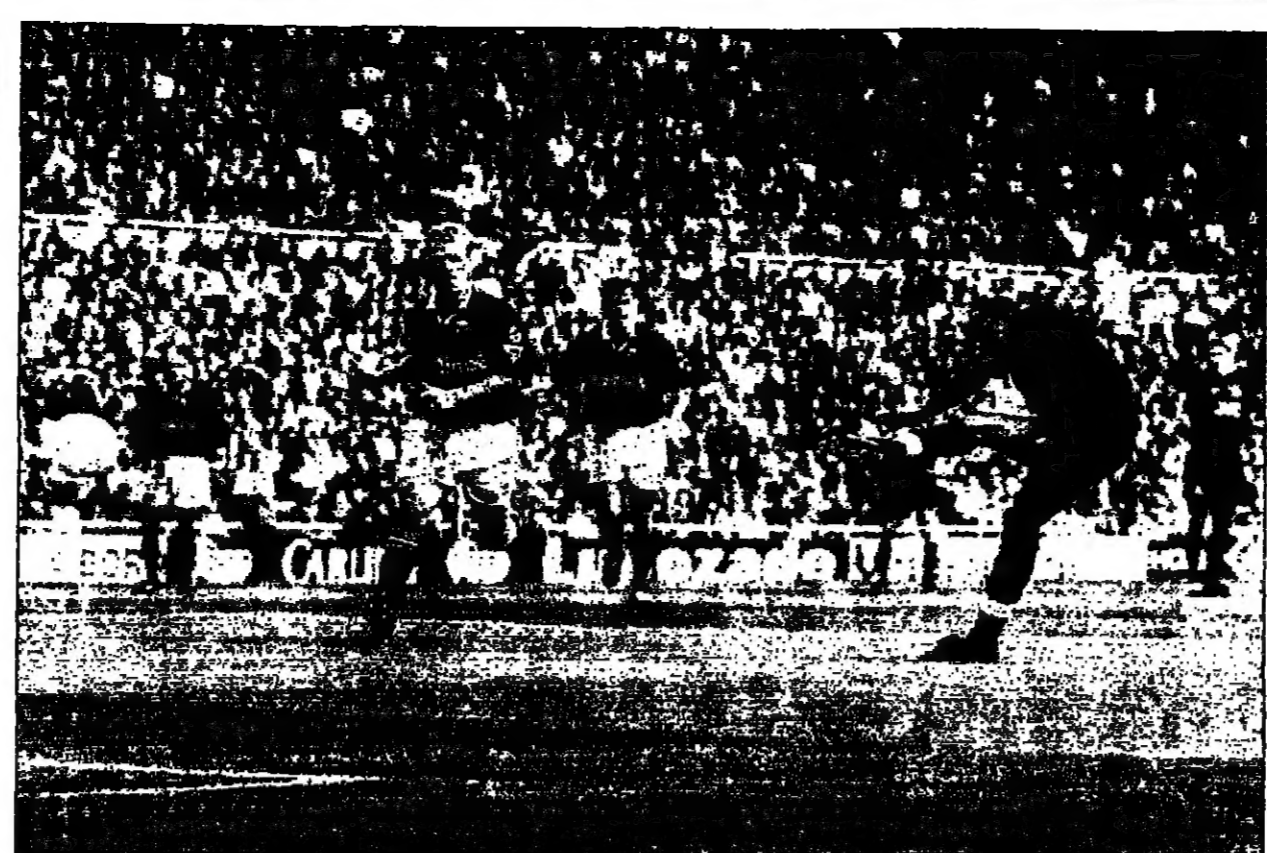
Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
111	Sporting Rangers	(M Wildman)	138
112	XI Whidown	(S Scott)	138
113	Shooting Stars	(P Naylor)	138
114	Glennice At Me	(P Thornton)	138
115	Hazza's Dream Team	(N Broomhall)	138
116	Blue Stars	(S A Jones)	138
117	John Jones FC	(G Wilson)	138
118	Brakelows United	(B Matthews)	138
119	Berry's Team	(J Pull)	138
120	Botak United 1	(R Newbould)	138
121	PJ Thistle	(W Houston)	138
122	Steve's Spurs	(M Jones)	138
123	James Boys Sky	(N Brown)	138
124	NK 3	(R Horner)	138
125	Notasda	(P Pickard)	138
126	The Foreign Legion	(O O'Connell)	138
127	Red Stars	(M Skippin)	138
128	Euro Paulo 1	(S Mills)	138
129	AC Fantasy FC	(A Glynn)	138
130	James's Shakes	(M Barratt)	138
131	Good Times 4	(I Robinson)	138
132	Substance Knights	(O Tuttle)	138
133	Shipmates United	(M Barnd)	138
134	Mentor	(I Cammings)	138
135	Ivy's Best	(M Ward)	138
136	Matt's Dream 11	(G Bailey)	138
137	Down And Out	(M Kitchen)	138
138	Shew's Two	(L A Tomlinson)	138
139	PM Select	(J H Melbourne)	138
140	Insomniacs	(M Penrice)	138
141	Sydney's Men	(S Taylor)	138
142	Matt's Marvels	(A Plano)	138
143	Studs Up	(S Ball)	138
144	Reverend Dogs	(A Djemal)	138
145	Fantasy FC	(C Rye)	138
146	Allen XI	(M Daniels)	138
147	The Dreams	(D McCarthy)	138
148	Rodan's Rovers	(O Brunt)	138
149	Damno's Dudes	(O Alton)	138
150	Round Robins	(J Brown)	138
151	United In Footy	(J Oldbury)	138
152	Nobby J	(M L Jones)	138
153	King Carlons	(P Copeland)	138
154	Parida's Wizards	(K J Wileland)	138
155	James Boys One	(S Shipley)	138
156	World In Motion	(S F Yum)	138
157	Good Times 4	(R Crompton)	138
158	Set Against Cys	(M Jones)	138
159	Elle FC	(M Kingston)	138
160	Rude Awakening	(S Goh)	138
161	James Boys 2	(A Shelton)	138
162	Matt's Magicians II	(P M Handley)	138
163	Purple Rain	(O Pattison)	138
164	Supersonic	(T Rydon)	138
165	Robin's Raiders	(S S Boreat)	138
166	Peto's Allstars	(A Mount)	138
167	Apocoe Indians	(B Irl)	138
168	Freddie United	(N Rezaie)	138
169	The Muppets	(P Buckley)	138
170	Rustle's Rustle	(J Brown)	138
171	Red's Rovers	(no name)	138
172	Red Star One	(G Layton)	138
173	Deano's Stars	(L Hosen)	138
174	New Stallion FC		138
175	Gastalt		138
176	SJB		138
177	Nobby		138
178	Bernard's Tigers		138
179	Layton's Lions		138
180	Jerry Hatrick		138

Pts	Pos	Team	(Player's name)
138	175	Maughanchester FC	(C Maughan)
138	176	Top Team	(G Stevens)
138	178	Robert Revenge C	(P Gohli)
138	175	Half A Chance	(T Beading)
138	175	Johnny Foreigner	(K Saunders)
138	175	Fuzz Alkaters FC	(A Duprey)
138	175	Lucksters Team	(L Whithurst)
138	175	Scamp	(D Collier)
138	176	Brain's Team	(B Howes)
138	175	Ipswich Alkaters	(M Carman)
138	175	IGs Kinkies	(D M Lyth)
138	176	Confidants Res FC	(A Lunn)
138	175	Harts FC	(N Hart)
138	176	Carolins D	(C Althurst)
138	175	La Triumph	(M Iernst)
138	175	Cool Slide Burns	(M Popor)
138	175	Pitchbury Pirates	(J R Hope)
138	175	The Bowcasters	(J Riebeck)
138	175	Good Follies	(C McGowan)
138	175	Touchwater Rovers	(M Tarns)
138	175	Portia FC 2	(S Mellor)
138	203	Nissty's Stars	(N Nisbet)
134	203	Scobies	(T Graham)
134	203	Sigma B	(K Porter)
134	203	John Hunt Taunton D	(J Hunt)
134	203	Whitics	(G Alkinson)
134	203	Dues	(D McGarry)
134	203	Stanford Blues	(P K Spall)
134	203	Black Pearls	(R Jones)
134	203	Branthall Beaters	(J Thelkwa)
134	203	The Best	(A Clarke)
134	203	Wands	(M Milen)
134	203	Flowera Flame	(B Shostak)
134	203	Flowers United	(G Hinds)
134	203	The Professionals	(G Lerner)
134	203	—	(no name)
134	203	Greeme's Greets 1	(G Carvel)
134	203	PL's	(I Butz)
33	203	Beap Clasp Chimney	(M Snelrow)
33	203	Devils Destroyers B2	(G Dunsties)
33	203	Unholy Alliance	(J Robinson)
33	203	—	(P Godard)
33	203	Kemaly United	(N Hussein)
33	203	Athletico Chelsea	(S Carrick)
33	203	Asprey First XI	(D Pearce)
33	203	Pecuniaries Ltd	(A Pianso)
33	203	Road Boys 97	(J Williams)
33	203	Lor Pew's Ponies	(L Paderick)
33	203	CUOK	(G Welisz)
33	203	Caps United	(J M Brown)
33	203	Lovers Fantasy XI	(L Whittom)
33	203	One Tree Hill	(M Day)
33	203	Faul's Predators	(P Lian)
33	235	Saint Villa	(D Barford)
33	236	LA Stars	(L Allum)
33	236	Shemrock Aces	(N Ferguson)
33	236	Mixed Culture XI	(S Sullivan)
33	236	Turner's Earners 1	(P Turner)
33	236	Chris	(J Broadwood)
33	236	Toomuchl Utd	(A West)
33	236	Stylorest	(A Burton)
33	236	City's Stars	(M Scothney)
33	236	Seaford Flyers	(L Reed)
33	236	PSI Upminster	(P Skinner)
33	236	Do Not Like Men Utd?	(C D Woodward)
33	236	Hidden Treasures	(W Hatt)
33	236	Ceezabazumers	(M Jarr)
33	236	Smyth's Storytells	(N Jack)

SEPTEMBER 24
TELEPHONE
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ERY MONTH

The ITF players, their points and their values if you are considering the transfer option

50.000



Ian Wright scores Arsenal's second goal on Saturday. With his ITF form soaring, it is time you considered him

Code	Name	Team	Em	Pts	Wk	Ch
10101	M Watt	Aberdeen	1.50	0	-3	
10102	N Walker	Aberdeen	1.00	-3	+1	
10201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	+4	+11	
10202	V Bartram	Arsenal	0.75	0	0	
10203	J Lukic	Arsenal	0.75	0	0	
10301	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	3.50	0	0	
10302	M Oakes	Aston Villa	1.00	+5	+13	
10401	T Flowers	Blackburn	3.00	-1	-15	
10402	S Given	Blackburn	2.00	0	0	
10501	G Marshall	Blackburn	3.50	0	0	
10601	D Kharine	Chelsea	2.50	0	+10	
10602	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	2.00	-9	-9	
10701	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	-1	-20	
10702	J Filan	Coventry City	0.50	0	0	
10801	A Maxwell	Derby County	1.00	+5	-1	
10802	R Boulton	Dundee United	0.50	-5	-10	
10901	L Key	Dundee United	0.50	0	0	
11001	I Westwater	Dunfermline	0.50	-9	-18	
11101	N Southall	Everton	2.50	-1	-5	
11102	J Keaton	Everton	0.50	0	0	
11103	P Gerrard	Everton	2.50	0	0	
11201	G Rousset	Hartlepool	2.00	0	0	
11301	J Leighton	Hibernian	1.50	+5	+11	
11401	D Lekovic	Kilmarnock	1.00	-7	-25	
11501	M Beesley	Leeds United	1.50	0	0	
11502	P Evans	Leeds United	0.25	0	0	
11601	N Martin	Leeds United	2.50	-1	-9	
11602	K Poole	Leeds United	1.00	0	0	
11603	Z Kalac	Leeds United	0.50	0	0	
11701	K Keller	Leeds United	1.00	-1	-8	
11702	D James	Liverpool	5.00	+1	+13	
11703	A Warner	Liverpool	0.50	0	0	
11801	P Schmeichel	Manchester Utd	5.00	+1	+1	
11901	G Walsh	Manchester Utd	1.00	+5	+5	
11902	A Miller	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	0	
12001	S Howie	Motherwell	1.50	-1	0	
12101	S Hlop	Newcastle Utd	4.00	0	-3	
12102	P Smit	Newcastle Utd	3.00	+5	+4	
12201	M Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50	-3	-11	
12202	A Feltus	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	0	
12301	T Wright	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	0	
12302	S Thompson	Raith Rovers	0.50	-1	-19	
12401	A Goram	Rangers	5.00	-1	+11	
12501	K Pressman	Sheffield Wed	2.00	-2	-3	
12601	D Beasant	Southampton	1.00	0	-5	
12602	N Moss	Southampton	0.25	0	-3	
12701	L Perez	Sunderland	0.50	0	0	
12702	A Coderland	Sunderland	1.00	+5	+15	
12801	I Walker	Tottenham	3.50	0	0	
12901	L Miklosko	West Ham	2.00	0	-10	
12902	S Mautone	West Ham	0.50	+5	+5	
13001	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	1.00	0	+6	
13002	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.00	0	0	

Code	Name	Team	Em	Pts	Wk	Ch
20101	S McKinnie	Aberdeen	2.00	-1	-3	
20201	L Dixon	Aberdeen	3.00	0	+3	
20202	N Winterburn	Aberdeen	3.00	+4	+7	
20301	S Morrow	Arsenal	1.00	0	+4	
20302	S Staunton	Arsenal	3.00	+4	+13	
20303	A Wright	Aston Villa	3.00	+4	+14	
20304	G Charles	Aston Villa	2.50	0	0	
20305	P King	Aston Villa	0.25	0	0	
20401	F Nelson	Aston Villa	3.00	+4	+8	
20402	H Berg	Blackburn	3.00	-1	-5	
20403	K Saux	Blackburn	3.00	0	0	
20404	G Croft	Blackburn	1.50	0	0	
20501	J McNamara	Blackburn	3.00	0	0	
20502	T McKelvey	Celtic	3.00	+4	+10	
20601	D Petrescu	Chelsea	3.00	-4	-10	
20602	S Clarke	Chelsea	2.00	-5	-8	
20603	T Phelan	Chelsea	2.00	0	0	
20604	S Minto	Chelsea	1.00	0	+4	
20701	D Burrows	Coventry City	1.00	0	-6	
20702	M Hall	Coventry City	1.00	0	0	
20703	R Genaux	Coventry City	1.50	0	-2	
20801	C Powell	Derby County	1.50	+4	+5	
20802	D Yates	Derby County	1.00	0	-2	
20803	J Kavanagh	Derby County	0.25	0	0	
20804	P Parker	Derby County	1.00	+4	+4	
20901	M Malpas	Dundee United	1.00	0	0	
20902	M Perry	Dundee United	0.50	-3	-6	
20903	N Dury	Dundee United	0.50	0	0	
21001	C Miller	Dunfermline	0.25	-4	-5	
21002	A Tod	Dunfermline	0.25	-5	-4	
21101	M Hottiger	Everton	2.50	0	0	
21102	A Hinchcliffe	Everton	2.00	0	+1	
21103	E Barrett	Everton	1.50	0	+3	
21104	M Jackson	Everton	1.00	0	0	
21201	G Loeve	Hartlepool	2.00	0	0	
21202	N Poinson	Hartlepool	1.00	0	-4	
21301	W Miller	Hibernian	1.00	+3	+11	
21302	A Dow	Hibernian	1.00	+4	+11	
21402	G MacPherson	Kilmarnock	0.50	-3	-10	
21501	G Kelly	Leeds United	3.00	0	-3	
21502	A Dorigo	Leeds United	2.50	0	0	
21503	P Beesley	Leeds United	0.50	0	0	
21601	M Whitlow	Leeds United	0.50	0	0	
21602	S Gwynon	Leeds United	0.50	0	+4	
21603	N Lewis	Leeds United	0.50	0	0	
21604	F Roling	Leeds United	0.25	0	0	
21701	R Jones	Liverpool	3.00	0	0	
21702	S Hartness	Liverpool	1.50	0	0	
21703	S Blomby	Liverpool	0.50	+1	+8	
21704	P Charnock	Liverpool	0.25	0	0	
21801	D Irwin	Manchester Utd	4.00	+4	+13	
21802	G Neville	Manchester Utd	3.00	+4	+7	
21803	N Neville	Manchester Utd	3.00	0	+3	
21901	N Cox	Middlesbrough	2.50	-1	0	
21902	C Branco	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	0	
21903	C Morris	Middlesbrough	0.75	-1	-1	
21904	C Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.25	0	0	
21905	C Blackmore	Middlesbrough	0.25	0	0	
22002	S McMillan	Motherwell	3.00	0	0	
22101	D Stann	Newcastle Utd	3.00	0	0	
22102	S Watson	Newcastle Utd	3.00	+4	+5	
22103	R Elliott	Newcastle Utd	2.50	0	+1	
22104	J Beresford	Newcastle Utd	2.50	+4	+2	
22201	S Pearce	Nottingham Forest	4.00	-1	0	
22202	D Lytle	Nottingham Forest	2.00	-1	+5	
22203	A Hasland	Nottingham Forest	2.00	-1	+1	
22301	N Jerkan	Raith Rovers	0.75	-1	-6	
22302	D Kirkwood	Raith Rovers	0.50	-1	-5	
22401	D Robertson	Rangers	2.50	0	0	
22402	J Brown	Rangers	2.00	0	0	
22501	I Nolan	Sheffield Wed	1.50	+1	+4	
22502	P Atherton	Sheffield Wed	1.00	-4	-4	
22503	S Nicol	Sheffield Wed	1.00	+4	+5	
22504	D Shestakov	Sheffield Wed	0.50	0	0	
22505	L Briscoe	Sheffield Wed	0.50	0	0	
22601	J Dodd	Southampton	1.50	0	-1	
22602	F Benali	Southampton	0.75	0	-1	
22603	S Charlton	Southampton	0.75	0	-1	
22701	D Kubicki	Sunderland	0.50	+3	+10	
22702	M Scott	Sunderland	0.25	+4	+3	
22703	G Hall	Tottenham	2.00	0	0	
22801	D Austin	Tottenham	2.00	+2	+10	
22802	C Watson	Tottenham	1.00	0	+8	
22803	J Edinburg	Tottenham	0.50	0	0	
22804	D Kerslake	Tottenham	0.50	0	0	
22901	J Dicks	West Ham	4.00	+4	+4	
22902	T Breacker	West Ham	1.00	0	0	
22903	K Rowland	West Ham	1.00	0	-1	
22904	M Bowen	West Ham	1.00	+7	+6	
23001	B Thatcher	Wimbledon	1.50	0	0	
23002	A Kimble	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0	
23003	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0	
23004	D Jupp	Wimbledon	0.25	0	+9	
23005	C Perry	Wimbledon	0.25	0	0	

Code	Name	Team	Em	Pts	Wk	Ch
30304	C Tiler	Aston Villa	1.00	0	0	
30305	R Selmesca	Aston Villa	1.00	0	0	
30401	C Hendry	Blackburn	4.00	0	-5	
30402	P Pearce	Blackburn	2.50	0	0	
30403	C Coleman	Blackburn	2.50	0	-7	
30404	N Marker	Blackburn	0.50	0	0	
30501	T Boyd	Celtic	3.00	0	+4	
30502	M MacKay	Celtic	1.50	0	+3	
30503	A Stubbs	Celtic	3.50	0	+1	
30601	M Duberry	Chelsea	2.50	-2	-4	
30602	F Leboeuf	Chelsea	2.50	-1	+22	
30603	F Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00	0	0	
30604	D Lee	Chelsea	2.00	0	0	
30605	A Myers	Chelsea	1.50	-3	+7	
30606	E Johnson	Chelsea	1.50	0	+13	
30607	J Kjeldberg	Chelsea	0.50	0	0	
30701	L Dalt	Coventry City	2.00	-1	-7	
30702	R Shaw	Coventry City	1.50	0	-5	
30703	D Bussit	Coventry City	1.00	0	0	
30801	I Simeu	Derby County	2.50	+3	+3	
30802	J Laurson	Derby County	1.00	+3	+6	
30803	M Carson	Derby County	0.50	0	+1	
30901	M Pressley	Dundee United	1.00	-2	-3	
31001	M Miller	Dunfermline	0.75	-1	-1	
31002	I den Bieman	Dunfermline	0.75	-4	-3	
31101	D Unsworth	Everton	2.50	+2	+5	
31102	D Watson	Everton	2.50	0	+1	
31103	C Short	Everton	2.00	0	+2	
31201	P McPherson	Hartlepool	1.00	0	-2	
31202	P Ritchie	Hartlepool	0.75	0	+1	
31301	J Thomson	Hibernian	0.50	0	-4	
31302	B Welsh	Hibernian	0.75	+4	+12	
31303	G Hunter	Hibernian	0.50	0	+5	
31401	M Reilly	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	-3	
31402	R Montgomery	Kilmarnock	0.75	0	-3	
31501	D Wetherall	Leeds United	2.50	-1	0	
31502	R Johnson	Leeds United	1.00	0	0	
31503	L Radcliffe	Leeds United	1.00	0	0	
31601	J Pemberton	Leeds United	0.50	0	0	
31602	S Walsh	Leeds United	1.00	-1	+1	
31603	J Watts	Leeds United	1.00	0	+5	
31604	P Kamaark	Leeds United	0.50	0	0	
31701	S Prior	Liverpool	1.00	-1	0	
31702	P Babbs	Liverpool	3.50	-1	+15	
31703	J Stables	Liverpool	3.50	0	0	
31704	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.00	0	0	
31705	D Matto	Liverpool	1.00	-2	-12	
31801	G Pallister	Manchester Utd	3.50	+4	+6	
31802	D May	Manchester Utd	3.00	0	+6	
31803	R Johnson	Manchester Utd	2.50	+4	+8	
31804	N Pearson	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-6	
31805	S Vickers	Middlesbrough	1.50	-1	0	
31806	P Wright	Middlesbrough	1.50	-1	0	
31901	P Whelan	Middlesbrough	0.75	-1	-2	
32001	B Martin	Motherwell	1.50	0	+3	
32002	M van der Gaag	Motherwell	0.75	0	+7	
32101	P Albert	Newcastle Utd	4.50	0	0	
32102	S Howey	Newcastle Utd	3.00	+4	+8	
32103	D Peacock	Newcastle Utd	3.00	+4	+4	
32201	C Cooper	Nottingham Forest	3.00	-1	-1	
32202	S Chettle	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	0	
32203	S Dennis	Raith Rovers	1.00	-1	-10	
32301	R Gough	Rangers	3.50	0	+14	
32401	A McLaren	Rangers	3.00	0	0	
32402	J Bjorklund	Rangers	3.50	0	+8	
32501	J Newsome	Sheffield Wed	2.00	0	0	
32502	D Walker	Sheffield Wed	1.50	0	+3	
32503	B Lingham	Sheffield Wed	0.25	0	0	
32601	S Campbell	Sheffield Wed	1.50	0	0	
32602	A Neilson	Southampton	1.00	0	-1	
32603	R Dryden	Southampton	0.50	0	0	
32604	C Lundekvam	Southampton	0.50	0	0	
32701	A Melville	Sunderland	1.00	+4	+14	
32702	K Bell	Sunderland	1.00	+4	+13	

NEWS

IRA bomb campaign foiled

IRA plans to devastate London with massive lorry bombs were foiled when armed police uncovered ten tons of explosive during raids in which one suspected terrorist was shot dead and five others arrested.

The explosives, two lorries, arms and other bomb-making materials were found in a north London storage unit which could have been used as a "one-stop shop" to equip IRA units for a variety of attacks in the run-up to the general election. The first attack could have been planned for today. Pages 1, 2, 3

Success for MI5-police co-operation

One of the biggest joint police and MI5 mainland operations, which led to the arrest of suspects and the discovery of 10 tonnes of explosives, began after a vital piece of intelligence was uncovered by the authorities. Page 2

Clarke crisis

Relations between Kenneth Clarke and John Major were under strain as right-wing pressure for the Chancellor's dismissal intensified. Pages 1, 12

Headmaster attack

A 15-year-old boy "acting with a mixture of bravado and adrenalin" stabbed the headmaster, Philip Lawrence, to death outside his school gates, the Old Bailey was told. Page 5

Church code

Clergy who believe that ordination renders them immune to sexual temptation have been issued with a new code of conduct by the Church of England. Page 7

Cracker out-thought

The days of the real-life Crackers are numbered, academics and senior police officers were told. Police forces are fast developing their own versions. Page 9

Nurses dispute

NHS managers clashed with nurses' leaders as it emerged that more than nine out of ten health service trusts have still not agreed a salary award. Page 10

What Thatcher thought of Major

Margaret Thatcher became disillusioned with John Major within three weeks of his becoming Prime Minister. And two and a half years later she suggested that the Tory party should no longer call itself "Conservative". The revelations are in George Urban's book *Diplomacy and Disillusion at the Court of Margaret Thatcher*. Pages 1, 18

Jobs regulation

An overhaul of employment law to prevent new recruits to small firms from making unfair dismissal claims was proposed by the Government. The scheme was part of a package from the "deregulation task force". Page 12

Lib-Dem anger

Liberal Democrat tensions over links with Labour boiled to the surface when a senior peer angered activists by urging supporters to vote tactically for Labour in some seats. Page 13

Russian foreboding

With President Yeltsin again confined to hospital a sense of foreboding has gripped Russia that "the noblemen" may be back. Page 14

Finnish revelations

Nearly a century after women in Finland broke new ground by being the first in Europe to vote, the female Speaker of parliament has shattered a new barrier with a highly explicit book about her sex life. Page 15

Perot goes to law

Ross Perot started a law suit to stop next month's presidential debates unless he is allowed to participate. Page 16

Bhutto exhaustion

Pakistan is exhausted by Benazir Bhutto. No elected leader has been more unpopular since the state was founded in 1947. Page 17



The Gulf of St. Tropez was transformed into "an immense bog" yesterday after violent storms. Holidaymakers were among those stranded

BUSINESS

Lloyds: At least 50 Lloyds names are to be pursued for more than £1 million each, in a dramatic hardening of attitude by authorities at the insurance market. Page 27

Gas: Serious computer and phone problems have led to another collapse in British Gas's national service network. Customers face a long wait if their central heating breaks down. Page 27

Sainsbury: The British supermarket chain is further expanding its American operations at a cost of \$52 million. Page 27

Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 44.4 to 3919.7. Sterling's trade-weighted index remained unchanged at 86.1, after a rise from \$1.5550 to \$1.5568 and unchanged against the mark at DM2.3557. Page 30

SPORT

Rugby union: Will Carling, the former England captain, has been recalled to the national training squad along with Jeremy Guscott, the Bath centre. Page 32

Crickets: Alan Lee reflects on the 1996 domestic season. Plus: all the statistics and the full first-class averages. Page 47

Golf: The European team suffered in the Solheim Cup, which was retained by the United States, because of the decision taken two years ago to increase the size of the teams. Page 50

Racing: Celeric, the progressive four-year-old, has been ruled out of the Melbourne Cup in November, in order that he might take on an ambitious cup campaign next year. Page 46

ARTS

Toronto triumphs: A delightful new Irish film, *Snakes and Ladders*, plenty of famous actors trying to direct, and Debbie Reynolds's first major role for 25 years: these were the highlights of the Toronto Film Festival. Page 43

Male room: Homoerotic photographs by the late Robert Mapplethorpe have gone on show in London. "A intense, singular vision would surely have deepened," says Richard Cork. Page 44

Late recognition: The 93-year-old composer Berthold Goldschmidt, who fled to London to escape the Nazis, enjoys the recognition denied him in his youth. Page 45

Elgar weekend: Thrilling performances of Elgar's three great oratorios at the Barbican. Page 45

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

ARTS
Dance among the dinosaurs: Genesis Canyon comes to the National History Museum

INTERFACE
Your chance to win two Olivetti Xana PCs worth £2,099 each

FEATURES

Thatcher's fall: George Urban, who was a close adviser to Margaret Thatcher, continues his remarkable diaries with the story of how she reacted to her enforced resignation and her doubts about whether John Major would continue her policies. Page 18

Truth test: Megalomaniac, adulterer, cheat and fraudster — the oil tycoon Armand Hammer was all of these, says Neil Lyndon but he wonders whether a new biographer will meet the challenge of the full truth. Page 19

Judge or jury: Should the fate of defendants in fraud trials always be decided by juries? Page 35

TV porn: What is the European Commission doing about pornography broadcast on television between states? David Parnick, QC, unravels the rules. Page 35

Gold-seeker: Edward Fennell with the lawyer who fled Germany in 1939 and is trying to recover gold stolen by the Nazis. Page 39

THE PAPERS

The Greeks have opted for continuity, despite an aggressive conservative campaign against socialist corruption. The Prime Minister, Costas Karamanlis, won because of his message of austerity and his plentiful proclamations of Europeanism. Page 39

Doctory Lamour: actress; John Gorman, judge; Otto Luening, American composer. Page 23

Celibate priests: Liverpool slaves; disabled in court; secret army; age discrimination; chapels; motorbike driving; animal insights. Page 21

TV LISTENING

Preview: Truth was stranger than legend in the Klondike gold rush. *Timewatch* (BBC2, 9pm). **Review:** Lynne Truss on a case of indecent exposure. Page 51

OPINION

Clarke can go

If this is a secret that Mr Clarke cannot keep, he can go. He would be less missed than he would like to think and little mourned. Page 21

Tactics of terror

Whatever the result of any future election the victors in London and Dublin should pledge themselves to work with others who resolve differences by argument, not Armalites. Page 21

Morse the code

With so much popularity and so much money at stake, we may not yet have seen the last bow of Endeavour Morse, alias John Thaw. Page 21

LIBBY PURVES

If your Church, your vocation, had come to represent no more than "cold logic", easily outshone by faulty human love, then you lost the plot long ago. Religion is not cold logic: it is a greater love or it is nothing at all. Page 20

ANATOLE KALETSKY

The plan is to use a small part of the IMF's gold reserves, along with some other financial devices, to relieve the debts of 20 very poor developing countries which the IMF judges are making serious efforts to improve their economic management. Page 20

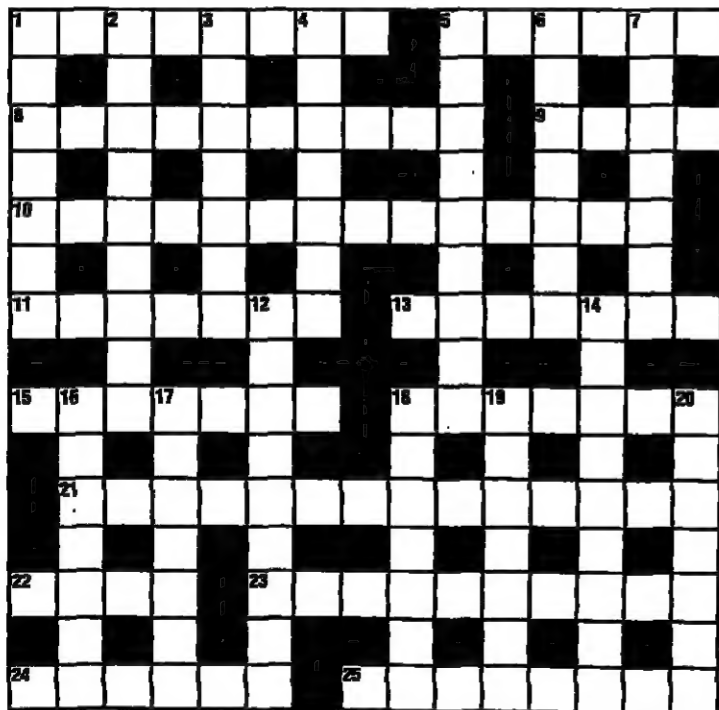
CHRIS WOODHEAD

Last week saw the publication of Ofsted's report on La Sainte Union College, Southampton. It was, admittedly, one of the most critical reports we have published on a teacher-training institution. But the weaknesses identified in this college have been found, albeit usually in less extreme form, in a number of other institutions. Page 20

Dorothy Lamour: actress; John Gorman, judge; Otto Luening, American composer. Page 23

Celibate priests: Liverpool slaves; disabled in court; secret army; age discrimination; chapels; motorbike driving; animal insights. Page 21

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,281



- ACROSS**
- Clear case of unisex clothing (8).
 - Champ boxing in one Olympic venue (6).
 - Famous rebel acted in revolutionary way (10).
 - Note-book (4).
 - To resort I'd go, cheaply — a.k.a. this? (7,7).
 - Communist given wrong backing — heaven? (7).
 - That female ram, for example, sounded like a goat (7).
 - Place again providing setting for quiet break (7).
 - Regret having half-heartedly absorbed traditional wisdom (7).
 - The sort of tramp found adrift in the main (3,3,4,4).
 - Accepted choice of bridge partners (4).
- DOWN**
- Coast-to-coast race with large following (10).
 - I am seen on ice — as fish are, we hear (6).
 - Dissident, perhaps, within the political establishment? (8).
 - Fellow taking a shot at snooker or pool (7).
 - Rock musical, one about love and evil (9).
 - Assistant editor reportedly considers the passages below (7).
 - Pictures, say, a main road going over railway (7).
 - French girl's earned mark, taking English (9).
 - Sane Scots in charge, unable to settle down? (7).
 - Continue to fool around (5,2).
 - Know Queen must conceal desire for warlord (9).
 - One takes succession of notes about quarantine (9).
 - The foreign sheep's tangled mass of hair (3-4).
 - A tense finish (7).
 - Restriction on papers showing demonic head advertisement (1-6).
 - Bloomer from intro to programme Auntie broadcast (7).
 - As letters written in anisus are? (7).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,280

ACROSS
1. CLEARCASE
2. CHAMPBOX
3. FAME
4. NOTEBOOK
5. RESORT
6. COMMUNIST
7. THAT
8. PLACE
9. REGRET
10. THE
11. ACCEPTED

DOWN
1. COAST-TO-COAST
2. I
3. DISSIDENT
4. FELLOW
5. ROCK
6. ASSISTANT
7. PICTURES
8. FRENCH
9. SANE
10. CONTINUE
11. KNOW
12. ONE
13. THE
14. A
15. RESTRICTION
16. BLOOMER
17. AS

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday's highest day temp: Sarnon Sands, Devon, 19C (63F); lowest day temp: Lough Fee, Co Tyrone, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Monks, Kent, 0.25in; highest sunshine: Aikton, Grampian, 8 hr.

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FORECAST

General: central and eastern areas of England should be mostly dry with bright or sunny spells. Western England and all of Wales should be more cloudy with showers that will later merge into some prolonged rain in the evening. After a dry start, Northern Ireland will become cloudy with persistent and at times heavy rain. Scotland will be mostly rather cloudy with showers giving way to rain later.

London, SE England, E Anglia, E Midlands, E England, Central N: dry with bright or sunny spells. Wind southerly light to moderate. Max temp 18C (64F).

Central S England, W Midlands, Lake District, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Moray Firth: mostly dry and bright. Wind southerly moderate locally fresh. Max temp 18C (64F).

SW England, Wales, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central: SW England, Wales, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central: mostly dry and bright. Wind southerly moderate locally fresh. Max temp 18C (64F).

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

Area	Temp	Wind	Cloud	Rain	Humidity
London	18	10	10	0.0	61
Edinburgh	12	10	10	0.0	61
Belfast	12	10	10	0.0	61
Cardiff	12	10	10	0.0	61
Manchester	12	10	10	0.0	61
Sheffield	12	10	10	0.0	61
Nottingham	12	10	10	0.0	61
Leeds	12	10	10	0.0	61
Birmingham	12	10	10	0.0	61
Coventry	12	10	10	0.0	61
Southampton	12	10	10	0.0	61
Bournemouth	12	10	10	0.0	61
Exeter	12	10	10	0.0	61
Cardiff	12	10	10	0.0	61
Swansea	12	10	10	0.0	61
Cardiff	12	10	10	0.0	61
Cardiff	12	10	10	0.0	61

ABROAD

Area	Temp	Wind	Cloud	Rain	Humidity
Madrid	22	10	10	0.0	61
Paris	18	10	10	0.0	61
Rome	22	10	10	0.0	61
Amsterdam	18	10	10	0.0	61
Brussels	18	10	10	0.0	61
Frankfurt	18	10	10	0.0	61
Berlin	18	10	10	0.0	61
Moscow	18	10	10	0.0	61
Stockholm	18	10	10	0.0	61
Helsinki	18	10	10	0.0	61
Oslo	18	10	10	0.0	61
Reykjavik	18	10	10	0.0	61
London	18	10	10	0.0	61
Edinburgh	12	10	10	0.0	61
Belfast	12	10	10	0.0	61
Cardiff	12	10	10	0.0	61
Manchester	12	10	10	0.0	61
Sheffield	12	10	10	0.0	61
Nottingham	12	10	10	0.0	61
Leeds	12	10	10	0.0	61
Birmingham	12	10	10	0.0	61
Coventry	12	10	10	0.0	61
Southampton	12	10	10	0.0	61
Bournemouth	12	10	10	0.0	61
Exeter	12	10	10	0.0	61
Cardiff	12	10	10	0.0	61
Swansea	12	10	10	0.0	61
Cardiff	12	10	10	0.0	61
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FORECAST

Highlands: rather cloudy with showers, merging into more persistent rain by evening. Wind southerly light to moderate becoming moderate or fresh. Max temp 17C (63F).

Aberdeen, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: rather cloudy with showers, becoming mainly dry later. Wind southerly fresh to strong. Max temp 15C (59F).

Argyll, NW Scotland: rather cloudy with showers, merging into more persistent rain during the afternoon. Wind southerly moderate or fresh becoming strong locally near gale. Max temp 16C (61F).

Northern Ireland: dry and bright at first but rain soon spreading from the west, becoming heavy at times. Wind southerly moderate becoming fresh, locally strong. Max temp 17C (63F).

Outlook: areas of cloud and rain sweeping across all parts with showers between.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

Area	Temp	Wind	Cloud	Rain	Humidity
London	18	10	10	0.0	61
Edinburgh	12	10	10	0.0	61
Belfast	12	10	10	0.0	61
Cardiff	12	10	10	0.0	61
Manchester	12	10	10	0.0	61
Sheffield	12	10	10	0.0	61
Nottingham	12	10	10	0.0	61
Leeds	12	10	10	0.0	61
Birmingham	12	10	10	0.0	61
Coventry	12	10	10	0.0	61
Southampton	12	10	10	0.0	61
Bournemouth	12	10	10	0.0	61
Exeter	12	10	10	0.0	61
Cardiff	12	10	10	0.0	61
Swansea	12	10	10	0.0	61
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Madrid	20	66	Rome	22	73	I
London	18	64	S. France	18	64	S
Paris	18	64	S. Italy	18	64	S
Amsterdam	13	55	Salzburg	14	57	C
Brussels	13	55	Santiago	23	73	I
Frankfurt	16	61	S. Portugal	23	73	I
Berlin	15	59	Singapore	27	81	I
Moscow	14	57	Thailand	14	57	S
Stockholm	15	59	Singapore	27	81	I
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